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IN TALKS WITH 13 COUNTRIES TO SET UP TRAVEL ZONES: GOVT

India is actively seeking to set up travel bubbles with more countries, Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri said on Tuesday

AUSTRALIA, JAPAN ON THE LIST

The 13 countries are Australia, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Bahrain, Israel, Kenya, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand. Apart from these, the Centre is also seeking travel arrangements with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Nepal and Bhutan. "It is always our endeavour to reach out to every stranded citizen," Puri tweeted

DEMAND HIGH FOR FLIGHTS TO INDIA

India already has travel bubbles with the US, the UK, France, Germany, Canada, the UAE, Qatar and the Maldives
India suspended international flight operations in March due to Covid-19. As many Indians are still stranded abroad, most airlines have reported a continuing demand for flights to India | P12

10.5 lakh

INDIANS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BACK UNDER VANDE BHARAT MISSION SO FAR

No need to transfer funds from PM CARES: SC

Says it's a different fund, rejects plea seeking transfer of money to the NDRF to fight Covid pandemic effectively

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to order transfer of funds received by the PM CARES Fund to the National Disaster Response Fund to help fight the Covid-19 pandemic, saying financial planning is the Centre's domain.

The apex court held that both are entirely different funds with separate objectives and

there is no need to transfer funds from one to the other.

The ruling came on a petition filed by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation, which argued that PM CARES is not subject to an audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan held that the plan prepared by the government under the

NDRF was sufficient to tackle the ensuing Covid-19 pandemic and there was no need for a fresh action plan.

"At this need of the hour, no exception can be taken to the constitution of a public charitable trust, namely, PM CARES Fund, to have necessary financial resources to meet the emergent situation," said the bench.

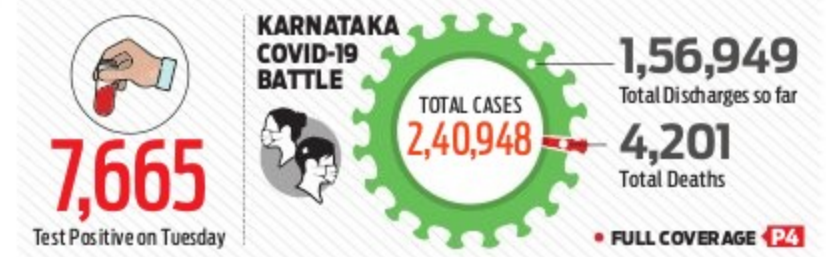
The court said there is also

no statutory prohibition in making any contribution by any person or institution in the NDRF as per Section 46(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

It also said the National Disaster Management Plan prepared by the Centre deals with all aspects of biological and public health emergencies in a systematic and planned manner. Therefore, there is no need for a separate plan to deal with the pandemic, it noted.

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The SC said there is also no statutory prohibition in making any contribution by anybody in the NDRF under Section 46(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act. It added that the Centre's National Disaster Management Plan deals with all aspects of the biological and public health emergencies in a systematic manner. Therefore, there is no need for a separate plan to deal with the pandemic, it noted.



Denied food, Covid +ve elderly man dies of hunger in Ballari village

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

IN a shocking case of neglect and official apathy, an elderly man, who was under home isolation after testing positive for Covid-19, allegedly died of hunger in the wee hours of Tuesday. His family, including his son, daughter-in-law and a daughter, had moved out of the house and were living with relatives in the same village.

The victim, a resident of T Belagallu village near Ballari city, had recently travelled to Kottur village to attend a function and, upon his return, had tested positive for coronavirus on August 15. Neither the panchayat development officer nor health workers had checked on him ever since. He had developed high fever and breathlessness, and was found dead by his son

around 3 am on Tuesday.

Local villagers claimed that for two days, he was given meals by the family only once a day and he died of hunger. Hours before dying, he was heard screaming and begging for help and food, they said.

After villagers raised the issue with the local authorities, the Deputy Commissioner's office and Health Department were alerted. The Ballari district administration has now ordered an inquiry into the incident. It will also be probed why the medical team did not attend to the patient, officials said.

"The patient was healthy when he tested positive. He wished to be in home isolation, but his condition deteriorated since Monday," said a senior official from the Health Department. P7

Urgent need to change laws to regulate hate speech: Panel

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THREE years after an expert committee suggested changes to the IPC, CrPc, Information Technology Act and a broader definition of what constitutes hate speech, the suggestions are still a work in progress, with one member calling for an urgent amendment in criminal laws.

"There is urgency to change criminal law in many respects... but that will take time. And because regulating hate speech is the need of the hour, the suggestions that we gave should be put up for wider consultation. We

are not owners of wisdom, but the suggestions that we gave should be looked at," said Navneet Wasan, a retired IPS officer and member of the T K Viswanathan committee.

Last August, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had called for a revamp of the criminal justice system and sought views of the states on changes that may be required in four key criminal justice laws — the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Arms Act and Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS). That process is under way. P10

EXPRESS READ

HC upholds closure of Sterlite Copper in TN

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Tuesday rejected a plea from miner Vedanta for allowing the reopening of its Sterlite Copper unit at Tuticorin, which has been closed since May 2018. P7

People's Bank of China buys ICICI Bank stake

New Delhi: The People's Bank of China has acquired a stake worth ₹15 crore in ICICI Bank, through the recently closed ₹15,000 crore share sale by the country's second largest private sector lender. P12

NIA arrests ophthalmologist from B'luru for ISKP 'links'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru



THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested ophthalmologist Abdur Rahman (28) from his residence in Basavanagudi here, in connection with an investigation in the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) terror module case. He has been arrested for his alleged ISKP links.

Rahman recently cleared his post-graduation from MS Ramaiah Medical College, the results of which were declared three days ago. According to the NIA, Rahman has "confessed that he was conspiring with accused Jahanzaib Sami Wani, who was arrested along with his wife Hina Bashir Beigh from Jamiana in Delhi in March this year; and other Syria-based operatives of the proscribed terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq & Syria (ISIS) — on messaging platforms like Threema and Telegram — to further the ISIS activities in India," said an NIA officer. P5

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Horse racing under Covid cloud as 10 jockeys +ve

Turf Club planning eight-day mini racing season in Sept and Oct

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Turf Club's earnest attempt to have a mini racing season in lieu of the cancelled Summer Season has received a setback with 10 jockeys testing positive for Covid-19 on Monday. In all, 55 jockeys underwent a Covid-19 test which was mandatory for them to get a licence for the forthcoming racing seasons. The club is planning an eight-day racing season in September and October.

President of the Jockeys Association of India Pradeep Chouhan confirmed that several of its members had tested positive. "The association was in the process of taking a Covid-19 insurance to cover the jockeys and their families," he said.

The club had begun the process to resume racing. The licensing of jockeys had to be completed with the new rules in



place for the preparations to pick up. BTC had announced that the outer stand track which was used extensively to prepare the horses for racing was ready and was only waiting for the formalities of licensing of jockeys to be completed. The jockeys had visited the office to complete the formalities and since many of them have tested positive, their primary contacts have to be traced. The BBMP authorities

sealed the office on Monday and sanitised the place. The BTC has applied for the licence to conduct racing but it is yet to receive any information in this regard from the government.

More than 800 horses are based at this centre. Racehorse owners have so far spent more than Rs 15 crore towards maintenance of the horses with no hope of earning any stake money in the absence of racing. Secretary of the Karnataka Racehorse Owners Association S Padmanabhan has written to turf club authorities to give a subsidy of Rs 7,500 per horse for the next four months.

The BTC has extended Basic Maintenance Credit for two months. However, the request from racehorse owners to give them subsidy hasn't been considered favourably as the club says it is under financial strain and cannot help them.



CAPTURING CORONAVIRUS

This World Photography Day, *TNIE* brings you the best of our pandemic coverage till date — from cities under lockdown, to the migrant exodus, to brave Covid warriors in action, and the gradual shift towards a 'new normal'



1. A fruit vendor hopes for a buy on the deserted Devaraj Urs Road in Mysuru during the country-wide lockdown 2. A health worker at a private hospital in Belagavi holds a rose given as a token of appreciation for his hard work 3. Scores of migrants wait to catch trains back home from Bengaluru 4. A masked monk walks past a forlorn Vidhana Soudha 5. Migrant workers pedal home to Madhya Pradesh 6. Citizens get together to provide hot meals to ASHA workers, police officers, doctors and other frontline workers, in Bengaluru 7. Children of migrant workers help their parents make ends meet after most lost their livelihood during the lockdown, in Bengaluru

UDAYSHANKAR S, ASHISHKRISHNA HP, VINOD KUMAR T, NAGARAJA GADEKAL, SHRIRAM BN, MEGHANA SASTRY

IN THE COUNCIL

BBMP polls put off

Bengaluru: Though the term for councillors ends on September 10, the next BBMP election has been postponed by 6 months due to the pandemic, said Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad. He said the government will take a call on this. **ENS**

Pothole-free days?

Bengaluru: BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said that the Palike has inaugurated a new hot-patch mix unit in the city which can produce up to 100 tonnes of mix a day, and fill all potholes in a span of 3-4 days. **ENS**

Laptops for all

Bengaluru: Irked that BBMP school students have no access to online classes, councillors questioned the BBMP and state, asking if only rich kids have right to e-learning. Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said a decision on this will be taken soon. **ENS**

Minister cancels hearing on PRR, officials go ahead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

NOT only is the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project controversial, even the first hearing on its environmental aspects ended in controversy.

The lack of coordination between Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), which organised the meet, and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) that will build the road, left participants confused. The event finally took place as scheduled with limited participation as not more than 50 people were permitted inside Navjyoti Hall on Doddaballapur Road due to the need to maintain social distancing.

The 65.5-km eight-lane project, mooted by former Chief Minister S M Krishna during his tenure to decongest the city, is likely to result in 33,838 trees being axed. This has been strongly opposed by environment activists and NGOs. On August 14, BDA announced

that the first public hearing would be held at 11 am on August 18. It also sent an official release on Monday, stating that a virtual hearing would also take place on September 3.

However, State Forest and Ecology Minister Anand Singh unilaterally took a decision around 8pm Monday that the meeting needs to be postponed. A communication sent by KSPCB later to BDA officials and Deputy Commissioner (Bengaluru Urban) went unnoticed.

Singh told *TNIE*, "The public kept stressing that it would not be safe to hold such a meeting in the midst of the pandemic. So I decided to call it off last night and instructed my department to do so. KSPCB did it but there has been a communication gap."

A senior government official said, "The minister does not have powers to cancel a public hearing. It is the DC's right to call or cancel it. His order to cancel it holds no validity." The DC refused to answer calls, despite many attempts.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th August: I'd like to mention Mars today, one of our favourite planets. It's possible that by the time you read this we may have discovered evidence of life on Mars: the announcement could come at any time. At the moment, we're not talking about little green men. It's more likely we'll find traces of microscopic worms or microbes.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Now is the time to demand more money for all your hard work. The lucky Aries will be surrounded by people falling over themselves to offer you prestigious posts and large cheques, not necessarily in that order! There's one condition: you've got to do what partners tell you - at least some of the time!

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

No doubt you feel pulled between two emotional options, trapped, perhaps, between the devil and the deep blue sea. Hopefully, today's fresh lunar alignments should help you make up your mind, or at least arrive at some sort of temporary solution.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

There is a great deal to keep you busy, and a good thing too! The main consideration is probably that you tackle underlying problems, but don't push yourself so hard that you end up exhausted. You'll be no good to anyone if you're flat on your back.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Passionate influences reach a peak very soon, but that doesn't just apply to matters of love - or of hate. Many of you will be deeply involved in a purely private project, rather than connected with another person. You're on a quest for perfection, but will you ever find it? Perhaps not, but at least you can try!

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Venus and Jupiter have been boosting your prosperity, although the absence of pressures to save and conserve means that you are now likely to be in the red as in profit. This could perhaps be one cause of current domestic friction. Perhaps a partner can help!

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept. 23)

This hardly looks like a day for small talk, and even those Virgos who like cracking jokes will have a profound point to make about the human condition. You can maintain a diplomatic silence under pressure, and only speak when you're truly confident.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

When financial matters come to a head, the causes may lie in the distant past, even as far back as three years ago. By the same token, your current actions may have repercussions for the long-term future, so be positive. But don't imagine that you can get away with anything!

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The Sun and Moon are just two celestial bodies making repeated alignments with intense Pluto, by now a regular fixture in your calendar. In all matters, personal and professional, there is absolutely no room for compromise over principles, at least, not just yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

You may be slightly disturbed by various mysteries or half-understood developments. Avoid rumours and unfair suspicions, and take the opportunity to dream a little. There is much to be said for indulging your fantasies. After all, what is life without dreams to strive for?

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Although your social stars are bright, there is a vague chance that certain people will indulge in rumour-mongering and back-biting. Such types are to be ignored and avoided, for you have higher things on your mind. Others may not listen to you, but that's their problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

There is no room for time-wasting at work. Neither should you be surprised if employers or people in authority are over-emotional, and for your own self-protection you should tread very carefully. You don't want to give the wrong impression, especially not now.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The Moon's alignment with the Sun and Pluto ensures that you are in a strong position to make your point, but the absence of guidelines may still leave you feeling somewhat confused. Act according to what you know to be right rather than on the basis of what other people want.

THE PHANTOM



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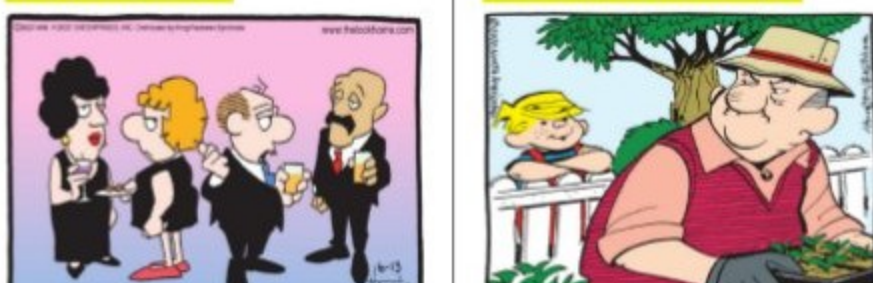
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	3	2	9		8
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	8	9	3		

MEDIUM

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	9	2	3	5	4	7	1	6
5	6	7	1	8	2	9	4	3
3	1	4	7	9	6	5	8	2
2	8	6	5	1	9	3	7	4
4	5	3	6	7	8	1	2	9
9	7	1	2	4	3	8	6	5
6	3	9	8	2	7	4	5	1
7	4	5	9	6	1	2	3	8
1	2	8	4	3	5	6	9	7

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

H	W	L	A	S
R	V	E	O	P
T	T	O	K	Y
B	E	E	N	T

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: SORRY SNOOT HELMET BIRIDE

Answer: The 500-2-inch military leader got his troops to stand at attention — IN SHORT ORDER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

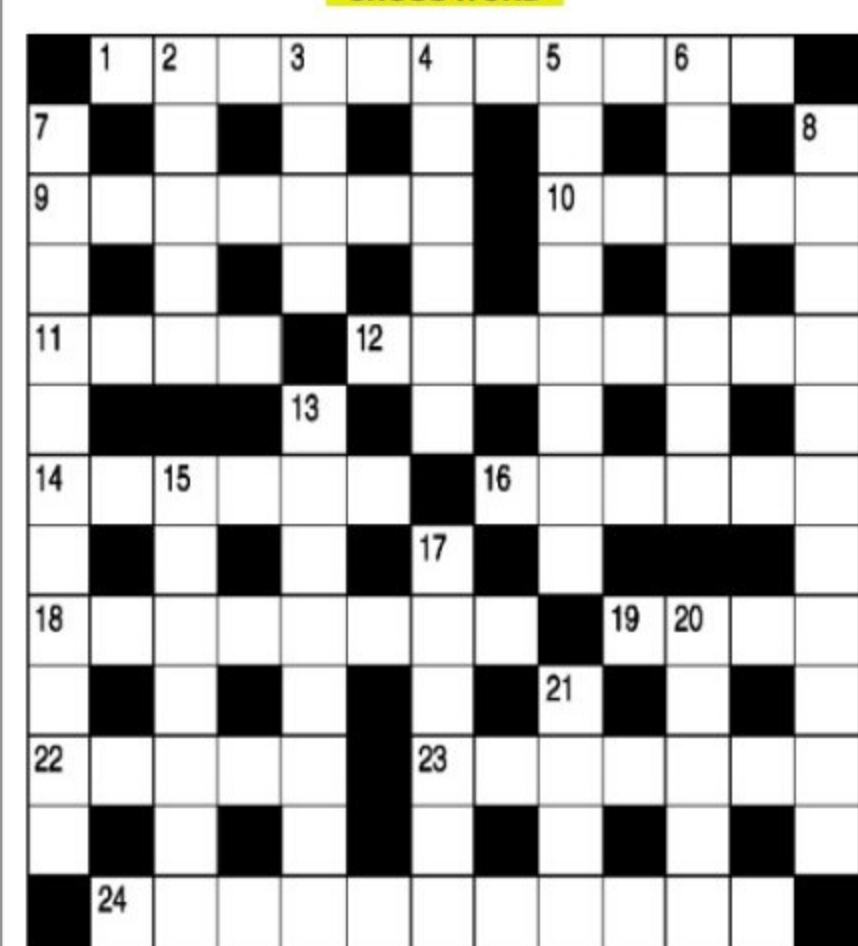
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- 1 Deatly pale going out to play Hamlet? (4,3,4)
- 9 It shows the head turned towards you (7)
- 10 He makes one cross at times (5)
- 11 Sort of oil lamp needs trimming (4)
- 12 Intended to put one's name in a legal document (8)
- 14 Kingdoms about to be given charity (6)
- 16 Bags of money (6)
- 18 It rarely turns out like this in books (8)
- 19 The story's only part of the whole picture (4)
- 22 Temporarily secures a levy we hear (5)
- 23 Penalty for a swindler is to be put in prison perhaps (7)
- 24 On which games are won by the over-forties (6,5)

DOWN

- 2 Smooth down or up (5)
- 3 Transport over a distance (4)
- 4 He'd caught the fish, having leaned over (6)
- 5 I've entered inebriated to have a good time (4,2,2)
- 6 Is there at the start, and finishes (7)
- 7 Sort of writing that may be highly polished (11)
- 8 Piece of expertise - guarded by private industry (5,6)
- 13 Bar from society (8)
- 15 This piece needs rewriting to make it dear (7)
- 17 Summary of new prices (6)
- 20 Coming before a superior (5)
- 21 Ruin a French party (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Handel, 4 E-string, 9 At once, 10 Payphone, 12 Ha-ha, 13 Happy, 14 Clap, 17 Nu's and bolts, 20 Leaning tower, 23 Odes, 24 Score, 25 Talc, 28 Dead heat, 29 Bolero, 30 Delicate, 31 Tenses.

Down: 1 Heathers, 2 Neophyte, 3 Each, 5 Sharp corners, 6 Rapt, 7 Noodle, 8 Exempt, 11 Landing craft, 15 Easel, 16 State, 18 Sweaters, 19 Precious, 21 Loaded, 22 Detail, 26 Chic, 27 Love.



Ramya back on Twitter, but Congress closes up

Over a year after she went silent on social media, former Congress MP from Mandya, Ramya, returned to Twitter. A first cryptic message read, "Clear as daylight - dal mein definitely kuch kaala hai", referring to the PM Cares Fund. She followed it up with another tweet, taking on a Union minister on the same issue. Ramya's tweets created a flutter of sorts with some netizens welcoming her back on social media, while many took a dig at her remarks. However, the tweets by the former Congress IT Cell head failed to evoke much response from the State Congress unit. In fact, a Congress leader associated with the party's social media operations in the state said they have nothing to do with her tweets! Dal mein kuch kaala hai?

Finally, some social distancing from VVIPs

Karnataka may have registered 2 lakh Covid cases, that have kept the government and medical fraternity on their toes, but the common man is still gung-ho, paying little thought to mask and distance measurement. It is only when VVIPs like CM B S Yediyurappa, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, MP V Srinivasa Prasad, besides ministers and MLAs, tested positive and were hospitalised that the pandemic hit home. Siddaramaiah, especially, found it difficult to avoid people pouring in at his residence in Mysuru, and had to be isolated. It's also proving to be a break for stressed-out politicians, especially the CM, as those lobbying hard for chairs of Boards and Corporations are going slow and keeping a safe distance.

Hope dims as aspirants' calls to CM go in vain

Then there are ministerial aspirants who refused to take it slow. Even as Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa returned from hospital and was home-quarantined in Cauvery, his phones rang non-stop. Party MLAs, impatient with the many delays hindering ministry expansion, would dial the CM, no doubt on the pretext of asking after his health, and hope to launch into the real cause. One of them later complained, in a defeated tone, that he couldn't get through for many days as the CM was not taking calls, but only giving his attention to officials dealing with Covid or floods.

Govt to move 16 Bills to replace ordinances when House meets

Oppn parties to step up fight over laws, inside and outside House

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

WITH the Assembly session slated to be held in September, the State Government is planning to bring 16 ordinances, which were approved by the Governor, as replacing Bills in both Houses. On the other hand, the Opposition parties, which have been taking on the government over some of the ordinances, are planning to take the fight notches higher both inside and outside the House.

On Thursday, the cabinet will decide on holding the next Assembly session. The government is obligated to conduct sessions under Article 174 (1), which says the gap between two assembly sessions should not be more than six months. In March, the government had to cut short the legislature session due to the pandemic.

Officials of the Law and Parliamentary Affairs ministry said that

KARJOL-LED PANEL TO LOOK INTO LOKAYUKTA REPORTS

A cabinet sub-committee, headed by Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, has been constituted to look into Lokayukta and Upalokayukta reports against State Civil Services 'Group A' officers. The committee, consisting of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy and Women and Child Welfare Minister Shashikala Jolle will review the recommendations and decide on whether action is needed.

since March, the State Government brought 16 ordinances to amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, Industrial Disputes Act and Certain Other Laws, APMC Act, Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, Karnataka Epidemic Act among others.

Ordinances are passed when there is no assembly session. Due to Covid, the government was not able to conduct a session in the last five months. As per Article 213 of the Constitution, an ordinance approved by the Governor should be placed before the legislature as re-

placing Bill while the session is on, and has to be approved by both Houses to become an Act. "If it is not approved, such an ordinance will be valid for only six weeks after the session concludes and will lapse," said an official. On whether the legislature can make changes to an ordinance, the official said the House is supreme and can do so and approve it.

KPCC Working President Saleem Ahmed said, "Starting August 20, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi and D Devaraja Urs, Congress is staging protest across the state."



Workers renovate the Basavanna statue at Chalukya Circle on Tuesday. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is scheduled to unveil it on Wednesday | NAGARAJ GADEKAL

SPRUCING UP

EXPRESS READ

State to give financial aid to street vendors

Bengaluru: The state government will provide financial assistance under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission to street vendors hit hard by Covid-19, said Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan. After a video conference with Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Harideep Singh Puri on Tuesday, Narayan said Puri has assured him of calling a meeting with bankers to work out ways to process the loans. He also urged the Union Minister that vendors should be given loans of Rs 10,000 at 7% interest. ENS

The headoffice of the BDA at Kumara Park West was shut down on Tuesday morning and will remain shut this week after three staffers tested Covid positive. It will reopen only on August 24

PLEASEING THE RAIN GODS

Under threat of floods, CM to offer Bagina at KRS

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa will offer Bagina at the brimming Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) on Friday. The water level in the reservoir hovered around the full capacity of 124.8 feet on Tuesday. In the next couple of weeks, he will head to Almatti in Vijayapura district to offer Bagina where again the dam is almost reaching its full capacity.

This being an official function usually many people on the CM's entourage participate. But what will be different this year is that it will be offered under the shadow of Covid-19, with restricted numbers and following all norms.

With incessant rain, the State is facing a grim situation. The floodgates of almost all the important rivers have been opened as most rivers are flowing above the danger level, posing a threat to life and livelihoods. In North Karnataka, the flood situation has been worsening owing to incessant rainfall in the catchment areas of Krishna river and its tributaries.

The Mumbai-Karnataka region is flooded due to heavy rain in the Western Ghats along the Karnataka-Maharashtra-Goa border and also due to the overflowing Krishna river and its tributaries. The release of about 40,000 cusecs of water

from the Koyna dam in Maharashtra has prompted the officials to shift people living in downstream villages.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi told TNIE that about a month ago he held a meeting with his counterparts in Maharashtra and had carried out preparations to deal with the floods. He said they had held a series of meetings after that in the Kallur Barrage and in Almatti and other places.

This time Karnataka had released more water from Almatti and asked Maharashtra to restrict the flow from Koyna, which is why the flood damage in north Karnataka is minimal compared to last year, he said. The loss due to monsoon fury is estimated to be close to Rs 10,000 crore as per the latest assessment.

Meanwhile, Jarkiholi who is in Delhi said he will participate in the Bagina function on Friday.

Explaining this tradition, retired chief engineer and adviser to Karnataka's water disputes Sriramiah said, "Bagina is what we call 'Thanksgiving' because this is the time when the Chief Minister offers thanks to God for the abundant rainfall. Normally, good rain means good harvest. So chief ministers over the years have used this occasion to thank God for the abundant supply of natural resources."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Original Document of Title pertaining to the Deed of Sale dated 02.02.1973 registered as document No.42572-73 of Book I, Volume 2388, Pages 212 to 213 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhinagar Bangalore, having been previously lost on 19.11.2019 along with Possession Certificate pertaining to the Property No.123, Vasanth Nagar Layout (Harjan Colony), Bangalore measuring 900 Sq. ft. lost Report dated 19.11.2019 having been issued by the Bangalore City Police, in No.231459/2019, the above Public Notice is now issued.

Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within 10 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

Deekshi B.L. Advocate, No.49, 1st D Cross, Nanappa Reddy Garden, M.K.Nagar, Yeshwanthpur Bangalore-560022. Mob-7090402427

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby informed that my clients Sri. N. Girisha, S/o M.Nagaraj & Smt.Sujatha H. W/o. N. Girisha, both are R/at.No.41, 1st B Main Road, 13th Cross, Mallathahalli, Bangalore University, Bangalore 560 056 as entered in to agreement to sale and intending to purchase the property bearing Site No.11, Katha No.05, carved out of land bearing Sy.No.83/1-A, old Sy.No.83, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, dated 1911-2004 bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR(N) 182/2004-05, which is within the limits of the Bruhatth Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ward No.123, measuring 5509 or 8000 Square feet and 15 squares house from its owners Smt R M Nirmala.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven(7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.11, Katha No.05, carved out of land bearing Sy.No.83/1-A, old Sy.No.83, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, dated 1911-2004 bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR(N) 182/2004-05, which is within the limits of the Bruhatth Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ward No.123, measuring 5509 or 8000 Square feet and 15 squares of house and bounded on the:

East by: Road formed by BDA, West by: Private property, North by: Property bearing Site No.10 formed in Sy.No.83/1-A belongs to Raju and Dasgowda, South by: Property bearing Site No.12 termed in Sy.No.83/1-A belongs to G Dayanand

Sd/- SHIVA SHANKAR.C.

Advocate, No.3 & 4, Flat No.101, 1st Floor, 16th Cross, Near Bachpan PreSchool, Akshyanagar, Ramamurthynagar, Bangalore-560016. Date : 18.08.2020

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Notice is hereby given that the share certificate(S) No(S) 40689 for 60 Ordinary shares bearing Distinctive No(S) 69732981-69733040 and No(S) 106904 for 30 Ordinary Shares bearing Distinctive No(S) 2538296036 - 2538296065 of ITC Limited standing in the Name(S) of P. S. Vishnu Prasad & Yamuna Vishnu has/have been reported Lost / stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate certificate(s) in respect thereof has been made to the Company's Investor Service Centre, ITC LIMITED 37, J L Nehru Road, Kolkata -700071. To whom objection, if any, Against issuance of such duplicate share certificate(s) should be made within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice

The Public are Cautioned Against Dealing in Any Manner with These Shares

Place: Bangalore
Date: 19.08.2020

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WORKS DIVISION VII (NH), P.W.D.,
PANAJI - GOA

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Tender Notice No. F-15/2020-21/WD VII (NH)/PWD/ASW/11 Date: 18.08.2020

Online e-tender are invited on behalf of Governor of Goa from the eligible bidders for the work detailed below by the Executive Engineer, National Highway PWD Panaji Goa.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (inclusive of GST and all other taxes)	Bid Security
1.	Construction of Diversion Road/Service Road for Channelising of Traffic at Chimbol Junction on NH 4A (New NH 74B) along Ribander Bypass. (11" call)	Rs. 358.28 Lakhs	Rs. 7.17 Lakhs

Period of Document Download (Date & Time): 18.08.2020 to 08.09.2020 upto 11.00 Hrs
Bid Submission End date & Time: 08.09.2020 upto 11.00 Hrs
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time: 09.09.2020 (at 11.30 Hrs)
Technical Bid Opening Place: Superintending Engineer Circle IX(NH), P.W.D., Alinho Panaji Goa.
Detailed NIT Bid Documents (corrigendum / Addendum if any) are available at Government of India Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) through website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

Note: Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
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F. No. 7 NSU/EST-POST(NT)/P-Advt/20 Dated: 13/08/2020

Invitation of Application for the post of Deputy Controller of Examination

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma from eligible candidates for filling up 01 (one) post of Deputy Controller of Examination on deputation basis in the National Sports University, Imphal.

For details of minimum eligibility, application proforma and other terms and conditions etc. please visit University Website www.nsu.ac.in.

The duly completed application form in all respects along with self attested scanned copies of testimonial/certificates and forwarding from the Controlling Authority in the prescribed proforma, should be sent to the email: cell-recruitment@nsu.ac.in so as to reach/received on or before 30th September, 2020.

Sd/-
dadv 47116/11/0002/2021
Registrar

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Bldg/ 2nd Floor, Residency Road, Bangalore-5600 025.

Notice for settling a sale proclamation
(See Rule 53 of the II Schedule of the Income tax Act 1961)

Recovery Certificate No. 332/2019 in OA No. 800/2017

BETWEEN: UCO BANK, East Point College Premises, No. 147, Main Road, Bidarhalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru-49
...APPLICANT/Certificate Holder

And:
1. Sri Balanjaneyulu, S/o. Sri P.V. Narashinlu, C/o. Selvi Nilayam R/at Old No. 22, New No. 1020, 2nd Cross, Mallappa Layout, Babusapalya, Opp. Naga Palace, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.
2. Mrs. Savitha KN, W/o. Mr. Balanjaneyulu, R/at Maruthi Nilaya, Site No. 10, Sy. No. 62/4, Bidarhalli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560049.
3. Sri H. Nagaraj S/o. Sri Dayananda Nayak, R/at No. 15, Benaka, 4th Main, Raghavendra Nagar, Doornavinagar, Bengaluru-560016.

...DEFENDANTS/Certificate

Debtors WHEREAS in execution of Recovery Certificate No. 332/2019 in OA No. 800/2017 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Bengaluru, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned schedule movable property.

This is hereby informed that a day on or after the 15th day from the date of serving this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said movable property.

Movable Property (Schedule A Property)
Car Model Name: MARUTHI CIAZ NOI
Registration No. KA03 MV 1929,
Chassis No. MA3FXEB150103925
Engine No. D1342445695
Given my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the 19th Day of February 2020

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1
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Hon'ble Chief Minister

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D. Devaraj Urs
Garlanding the statue on the 105th Birth Anniversaries Celebrations

Date : 20-08-2020 Thursday, 10.30 AM
Venue : West Gate of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Sri B. Sriramulu
Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare and Health & Family Welfare Services participated in a function along with school children.

Keerthana H.S.
AIR-167

Gajanana Bale
AIR-663

Candidates who underwent pre-examination training for competitive exams provided by Backward Classes Welfare Department and were selected in the Civil Services Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission for the year 2019-20.

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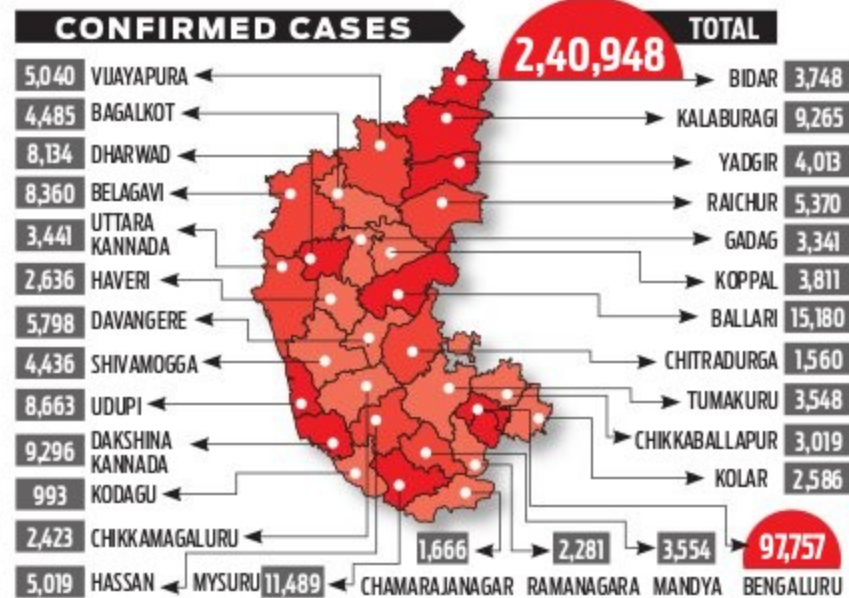
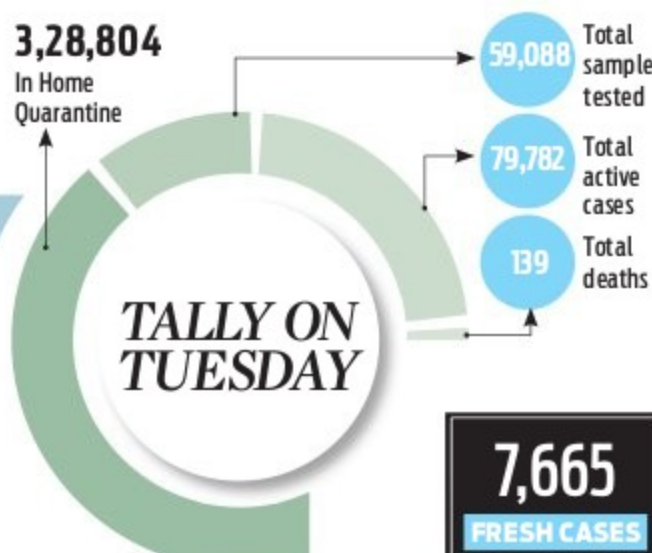


A total of 139 fatalities were reported on Tuesday, the highest toll till date. This takes the total number of Covid deaths in the state to 4,201

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Ambulance drivers on Covid duty take a dinner break between shifts near Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences in Bengaluru | SHIRAM BN

GOVT SCRAMBLES TO SET UP OXYGEN PLANTS IN HOSPITALS

Rising number of Covid cases has disrupted supply chain, says Medical Education minister

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AFTER two back-to-back incidents of Covid-19 patients, dependent on oxygen, being shifted to different hospitals at night due to supply disruptions, the State Government is now seriously working on setting up oxygen plants at all hospitals in Karnataka.

On Tuesday, Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar visited Kempe Gowda Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), which shifted 47 oxygen-dependent Covid patients to other hospitals after it ran out of liquid oxygen late on Monday night. Last Saturday, 17 patients at the C V Raman Hospital in Indiranagar had to be shifted to other hospitals for similar reasons.

"We are taking steps to set up oxygen plants in all government hospitals across the state. We are in contact with private firms which supply liquid oxygen. The Principal Secretary to the Industries Department is in



Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar visited and took stock of the situation at KIMS hospital in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

touch with them," the minister said.

He also reviewed the available infrastructure at KIMS and said the government has ensured that KIMS has enough oxygen cylinders now. The chaos was due to the high demand, coupled with delay in supply of cylinders by the vendor, he reasoned. He, however, insisted

that no patient's condition had deteriorated due to this issue and all were immediately shifted in fully equipped ambulances to other designated Covid-19 hospitals. The government has also readied 40 oxygen beds at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) for emergencies, he added.

Sudhakar pointed out that

with the increasing number of cases, the demand for oxygen cylinders has risen by 4-5 times. "There are some issues with supply of cylinders to hospitals. I have directed the officials to make necessary arrangements and ensure adequate supply of liquid oxygen to all hospitals and medical colleges in the state," he said.

"KIMS hospital has a liquid oxygen plant, but it is receiving only half the supply due to the rising demand," he explained. He also said that he has asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help set up more liquid oxygen plants in the state when he last interacted with him during a video conference.

Due to the demand, the price of liquid oxygen has also risen and the government is mulling on regulating it. "We will regulate prices, if needed, at the state level," Sudhakar said. "However, for regulating the cost in case of vendors from other states, we may have to approach the Central Government," he added.

DOING HIS BIT

TUMAKURU MLA FIRST NETA TO DONATE PLASMA

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Tumakuru

Kunigal MLA Dr H D Ranganath will be the first elected representative in the country to donate his plasma after recovering from Covid-19. The MLA will donate his plasma at the HCG Cancer Centre in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Ranganath had tested positive for the virus a few days after attending the swearing-in ceremony of his co-brother and KPCC President D K Shivakumar. He tested Covid-positive on July 5, and recovered in a week's time.

To boost the morale of patients, he has been visiting them at Covid Care Centres and also at the district general hospital. "I decided to donate plasma to generate awareness and also encourage others who have recovered to do the same. I will be donating 500 ml of plasma that can be used to cure two patients," he told *The New Indian Express*.

"It's just a 20 minute procedure, and since I am used to donating blood at various drives, this shouldn't be an issue," said Ranganath, who is an orthopaedic himself.



SRINIVASA
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Mysuru: Chamarajanagar MP V Srinivasa Prasad tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday. The 73-year-old MP is admitted at Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru. He is diabetic and had undergone a kidney transplant. Many leaders he interacted with and his primary contacts are in home isolation currently, and a few have been tested too. All 17 of his family members have tested negative. ENS

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

"YOU know what is truly heart-wrenching? Carrying a two-year-old for cremation without breaking down," said Jamshed Rahman, a member of Mercy Angels. The group gives dignified send-offs to Covid victims as per their religion.

The child, who had blood cancer, tested positive for Covid-19, and passed away early

on Monday. Jamshed Rahman said that the parents of the child are from West Bengal. They had come down to Bengaluru in December 2019 for the treatment of their baby girl who was diagnosed with blood cancer. The child was being treated at St John's Hospital, but tested positive for Covid-19 a few weeks ago, and didn't survive.

ZAMEER AHMED
TESTS POSITIVE

Bengaluru: Former Minister and Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday. He leader said he underwent a test after he developed mild fever. "I am getting admitted on doctors' advice, and request those who have come in contact with me in the past few days to get tested," he tweeted. The Chamarajpet MLA had visited DJ Halli and KG Halli many times after the recent riots. He had also interacted with the local MLA and residents. ENS

Karnataka testing zooms beyond target, touches 131%

RANJANI MADHAVAN AND
IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

AS per a performance report prepared by the Covid War Room on Karnataka, the state has exceeded its RT-PCR testing target, with several districts testing over and above their target.

The report includes all districts, except Bengaluru, and took into account testing figures of the past three days. The RT-PCR testing percentage of 29 districts is 131%, with 27,090 samples tested on a daily average, against a target of 20,604 samples.

For example, the percentage of RT-PCR tests done in Uttara Kannada stands at 446%, which is testing an average of 891 samples a day, though its capacity is 200. Chitradurga has a testing percentage of 455%, testing 682 samples a day, as opposed to its target of 150. Mandya's figure stands at 315%, testing 630 samples but with a capacity of 200 a day. Only Dakshina Kannada and Hassan slipped below 100 per cent, clocking 50% and 90% respectively.

Explaining how labs are testing beyond their capacity, Dr C N Manjunath, nodal officer for testing in the state, said, "Labs are doing three shifts instead of two, and have procured high-volume equipment. Also, 2-3 labs are added every week and there are 105 private and government labs in the state. All private medical colleges have been told to set up RT-PCR labs as well, which is the gold standard in Covid testing."

The figures were lower for Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) as the state could meet only 69% of its target, with 27,808 samples tested daily against a capacity of 40,400 — 19 districts testing below 100% and seven districts below 50%. For example, Kolar had a RAT percentage of 38%, with 153 samples and a target of 400. Similarly, Dharwad had 40% with 361

samples done out of 900. Bengaluru Rural stood at 49%, with 393 samples out of 800.

"RAT is meant for community and door-to-door testing, field level testing and for suspect Covid deaths, where test results can be produced quickly and the body disposed of. This test is meant for high-risk exposure and symptomatic groups. If a symptomatic person tests negative, a repeat test is done with RT-PCR, and if an asymptomatic person tests negative, there is no follow-up test," added Dr Manjunath, who is also director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

IAS officer Shalini Rajneesh, in charge of testing, said the government uses Rapid Antigen Test for emer-

gencies, symptomatic cases and family members of Covid-positive patients. The state policy aims at a healthy balance of both RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen Test. "Enhancing testing capacity has been the focus of our government and we are steadily improving our testing numbers. We started with two labs in February and now have 100 labs across the state. We had set a target of at least 50,000 tests per day," said Dr K Sudhakar, Minister for Medical Education.

"The RAT number has reduced a bit in the past 2-3 days due to heavy rain in several parts of the state. Since a majority of RAT are conducted using mobile vans, we have not been able to meet the target," Sudhakar added.

TESTING DATA OF LAST 3 DAYS

Type of test	Target	Average tests done per day	Testing %
RT-PCR	20,604	27,090	131%
Rapid Antigen Test	40,400	27,808	69%

AGGRESSIVE TESTING

	Rapid Antigen Test	RT PCR and other methods	Total tests
Total testing data on Aug 18	28,867	30,221	59,088
Cumulative	5,51,725	15,82,449	21,34,174



A free of cost Rapid Antigen and RT-PCR testing camp is on for residents of Malleswaram in Bengaluru | SHIRAM BN

BBMP follows Dharavi model to contain spread

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"WE are implementing the Dharavi model where the target population is identified and aggressive testing is done to control the spread of Covid-19," Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said on Tuesday.

He said while there have been many new cases being reported in Mumbai, no case has been reported from Dharavi slums. This is because of the strict isolation, aggressive testing and early identification of the target population. "It is being replicated in Bengaluru now. Though cases will rise initially, it will help in controlling the spread of the virus and gradually help flatten the curve," he said.

He was addressing the councillors at the council meeting.

Prasad said: "The target population is primary and secondary contacts of positives, those in containment zones, inter-state and international travellers, ILI and SARI cases. Door-to-door survey is being done to identify people with comorbidities to track them early. This was done in Dharavi. In Mumbai soon after cases were reported, neighbours were immediately shifted to Covid Care Centres and tested. That was when the cases in Dharavi shot up, but now there were no cases."

He explained that the containment zones' guidelines were being redefined. Also with the rising instances of financial anomalies, it has been decided to form a set of revised

guidelines and standards. Based on the new guidelines, the bills of creating containment zones and sealed down areas produced by engineers will be cleared. Until then, no bills will be cleared, he said.

The Commissioner said that it was time citizens helped in controlling the spread of the virus. They should help the government in ensuring that the positive patients with mild symptoms and those asymptomatic strictly adhere to home isolation, he added.

He said that only those with severe symptoms — loss of smell, taste, breathing difficulty, dip in oxygen level and high fever and cold — will be admitted to hospitals. Some patients, depending upon their health condition, will be admitted to Covid Care Centres.

Mayor M Goutham Kumar, referring to instances where patients were discharged in two days and later not re-admitted, said patients then should not sign the discharge form if it states he/she is responsible for anything later. They should inform the BBMP and resolve the issue immediately, he said.



Headmasters to be relieved of Covid duty, says minister

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

RELIEF at last for headmasters of government schools and aided schools in the State as Minister for primary and secondary education S Suresh Kumar on Monday directed the Department of Public Instruction to relieve them of Covid-19 duties.

The minister acknowledged that academic activities had taken a hit as the services of the teachers were being used for Covid duties. He said, it was important that at least the head teacher was present in the school to ensure the effective implementation of the government's ambitious 'Vidyagama' and midday meals schemes.

As per sources in the department, the government has already started preparations for its localised schooling programme 'Vidyagama'. And distribution of ration to students

eligible under the midday meal programme was also hit as teachers were unavailable.

"Teachers were put on Covid-19 duties like tracing the contacts and spreading awareness on the spread of the virus. Almost all teachers from Bengaluru South and North districts were pressed into such activities," a source said.

Primary Teachers' Association president Chandrashekar Nugli told *TNIE* that schools still had to distribute the books to students, without which the Vidyagama project could not be completed. "Parents have been coming to schools for enrollment of their kids but are finding

them empty as all staff members are deputed for Covid duties. We thus requested the minister at least to exempt headmasters so that academic work doesn't suffer," he said.

We requested that at least headmasters be exempted from Covid duty so that academics don't suffer

Chandrashekar Nugli, president Primary Teachers' Association

'Performing last rites of a two-year-old was heartbreaking'

Rahman said, "The baby passed away in the wee hours of Monday. I and two other volunteers Razzak and Salam, were informed in the afternoon. When we went to take the child's body, the parents were in a state of shock. It was

difficult for us too. It was the first time we held a body of such a small Covid patient; majority of the victims are above 50 years of age."

The volunteers reached the Kudlu crematorium around 5 pm and performed the last

rites. "It was definitely the most heart-breaking cremation. We just couldn't do it but we had to. My own child is a two-year-old girl. It is a challenge not to break down in such situations. After the cremation, we went and sat in the ambulance for one hour — there was silence. All the three of us knew — that each one of us was thinking about the baby."

FOUR-MONTH-OLD BABY BOY DIES

Bengaluru: A four-month-old baby boy from Hassan was among the 139 Covid fatalities reported on Tuesday. He suffered from ILI, fever, cough, diabetes and hypertension. He was admitted on August 16 and died the same day.

Riots probe: Ex-mayor Sampath Raj under lens

CCB grills Raj, Pulakeshinagar corporator for more than four hours

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THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) police grilled former mayor and corporator R Sampath Raj and another corporator, Abdul Raakeeb Zakir, on Tuesday in connection with the DJ Halli riots. It is learnt that both the corporators told the police that they had no links to the riots.

Sampath Raj is the corporator of Devara Jeevana Halli (DJ Halli) ward while Zakir represents Pulakeshinagar ward.

Both arrived at the CCB office around 11 am and came out

of the office around 5 pm. Sources said that both were grilled for more than four hours.

It is said that both the corporators were summoned by the police as investigations had revealed that they had allegedly exchanged phone calls with some of the rioters, who were already arrested, before and during the riots.

After the inquiry, both the corporators told the media that they had answered all the questions asked by the police and they cannot speak much about it as the matter was still under investigation.



R Sampath Raj

Meanwhile, P Naveen, who was arrested by the police for allegedly posting a sacrilegious post on social media that led to the riots, has been remanded in judicial custody.

Naveen in central prison

As his police custody ended on Tuesday, the police produced Naveen before a court and did not seek for extension of his police custody. Later, Naveen was escorted to the Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

East Division police have continued arrests in connection with the riots.

Police said that close to 400 people have been arrested so far in the case.

BJP misleading investigation into riots, says Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru: Opposition leader Siddaramaiah launched an attack against the BJP government which, he alleged, was "trying to mislead the investigation into the Kaval Byrasandra incident". In a series of tweets, he charged that the BJP MLAs are giving conflicting opinions. "They initially blamed SDPI, then the Congress and now they claim that it is an act by terrorists. What are they trying to hide?" he asked. The former CM said that instead of identifying the actual culprits, BJP leaders are busy targeting the Congress, and that they see only politics in all kinds of crises. "BJP is clearly divided into two factions. The one that is closer to RSS is trying to take advantage of the Kaval Byrasandra incident to topple the B S Yediyurappa govt," he said, asking that if this incident, according to BJP, is pre-planned, then why did this not come to the notice of the intelligence department? He also asked the reason for the delayed filing of a case against P Naveen. ENS



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'Ophthalmologist known to be soft-spoken, well-mannered'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"RAHMAN had visited Syria in early 2014 for treating ISIS cadres at a medical camp, had stayed with them for 10 days and returned to India. He was in the process of developing a telemedicine application for helping the injured ISIS fighters in the conflict zones and a weaponry-related application for them," the officer added.

The son of reputed ophthalmologist Dr Nasrulla Shariff, who has a well-established practice of over 20 years in South Bengaluru, Rahman is known to be "soft spoken, well-mannered and from an educated, moderate family,"

'College unaware of activities outside campus'

MS Ramaiah Medical College has stated that as per their records, Rahman "passed his MBBS from Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute in 2014 and was admitted to our college in 2017 under the government quota through allotment from the Karnataka Examinations Authority. He completed his MS Ophthalmology in July 2020.

The college is not aware of his activities outside the campus," stated a college official.

said a source who is known to the family.

The NIA investigation in the

ISKP module case, which was initially registered by the Delhi Police Special Cell in March this year after the arrest of Wani and his wife Hina, has unearthed a widespread network in the country.

"The couple has affiliations with the ISKP and were found to be involved in subversive and anti-national activities. They were also in touch with Abdullah Basith of Hyderabad, who was arrested in the ISIS Abu Dabhi module case, which is being investigated by the NIA. Basith is lodged in judicial custody in Tihar Central jail. In July, the NIA had arrested two more accused — Sadiya Anwar

Sheikh and Nabeel Siddique Khatri — from Pune for being part of the ISIS/ISKP conspiracy to carry out subversive activities in the garb of anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protests," the officer added.

The NIA had carried out searches at three premises belonging to Rahman in the city with the assistance of the Karnataka Police and seized digital devices, mobile phone, laptop containing incriminating material. "He was produced before the NIA Special Court in Bengaluru on Tuesday and will be taken to New Delhi on transit remand for custodial interrogation," the officer said.

Muslim leaders to Pant: Punish those really involved

Bengaluru: A delegation of Muslim leaders, including Rajya Sabha MP Syed Naseer Hussain, Shantinagar MLA N A Haris, MLC C M Ibrahim, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed and 28 other organisation heads submitted a memorandum to Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Tuesday, petitioning that "innocents" should not be punished in connection with the Kaval Byrasandra riots. They urged the commissioner to release innocents if they have been picked up by police. Haris told TNIE, "People there are living in great difficulty and are unable to get their daily needs because of the curfew-like situation. Police should provide details of those arrested to the families. No innocent person should be picked up." MP Hussain said, "We condemn the vandalism and have asked police to take action against those who are really involved, and also relax curfew. We urged the government to probe the delay in registering an FIR." ENS



VELLORE DISTRICT POLICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Thiru.**Johny @ John Paul raj**, (Age 33), **S/o. John Peter**, residing at Church Street, Vandranthangal Colony, Katpadi, Vellore District, who was involved in Katpadi Police Station Cr.No.503/16 for an offence under section 379 of IPC, absconded from appearance for the trial before the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi. Hence it has been ordered by the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi on 07-08-2020 vide Dis. No. 874/2020, that it is made the said Tr.Johny @ John Paul raj, is required to appear before the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, on 7th day of September 2020. If he fails to appear before the said Magistrate on the said day, he will be declared as "Proclaimed Offender" by the Hon'ble Court.

Inspector of Police,
Katpadi Circle, Katpadi, Vellore - 7
Cell No: 94981 00372

DIPR/695/Display/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that we have lost the Original registered Property Documents Pertaining to sy no 89/1 situated at Thalavadi Village Erode District Registered Doc no 619/1970 dated: 24-12-70 and Doc no 429/1971 dated 06-08-1971 in Tamil Language. Wrote a deed of Gift settlement in English language in favor of his sons namely 1. V Gopal 2. V Govindaraj 3. V Rajshekar Alais V Sekar 4. V Bharathraj with document No 160/1982 dated: 29-03-1982 at thalavadi sub register office Tamilnadu If anybody has found it please contact mobile 9844104041 or contact my Advocate R.A. Shariff 8861999700 Mr V Govindaraj s/o Late Venkataraju, #7, 4th Cross 3rd Main, Behind Sindhi College, Pampa Extension Hebbal Kempapura Bengaluru-560024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned Item No.1 and Item No.2. schedule properties from its owner Mr. Imran Pasha S/o late K. Abdul Haleez, aged about 35 years, Residing at No.2, 407, "H.M.MANZIL" Kusal Nagar, behind Haniffa Mosque, K.G. Hall, Bangalore-560 045. If anybody having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule properties or any objection to the intended transactions may lodge their claim / objections to undersigned address with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Municipal No. 346, situated at Binnamangali, 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Banasawadi Layout, Bangalore, in BBMP Ward No. 62, Hoysala Nagar with PID No. 62-25-346, measuring East to West: 35 feet and North to South: 50 feet and in all measuring 1750 Square feet and bounded on: East by: Site No.347, West by: Site No.345, North by: Road, South by: Site Nos. 316 & 317. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of immovable commercial property bearing Office Unit No.404, 4th Floor, 'House of Lords' and the larger property having Municipal No.16/63, situated at St. Marks Road, Corporation Ward No.76, PID No.76-20-16/63, Bangalore, having a super built up area of 556 Square feet and the larger property is bounded on: East by: St. Marks Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: No.14, St. Marks Road.

Sd/-

T.V. Nanja Reddy, Advocate, No.1673/1, New No.3, 3rd Main, Devahalli Park, Bangalore-560 021. Mob: 98453 90444

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE

Jeevan Mangal Bldg 2nd Floor, Residency Road, Bangalore-5600 025. WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF MOVABLE PROPERTY (See section 259 (aa) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & other financial Institutions Act 1993 n/w Rule 23 of Part II of Income tax Act 1961)

Recovery Certificate No. 332/2019 in OA No. 800/2017

BETWEEN:UCO BANK, East Point College Premises, No. 147, Main Road, Bidarhalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru-49 ...APPLICANT/Certificate Holder And:

1. Sri Balanjaneyulu, S/o. Sri P.V. Narasimhanulu, Co. Seivi Nilayam R/lat Old No. 22, New No. 1020, 2nd Cross, Mallappa Layout, Babusapalya, Opp. Naga Palace, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.

2. Mrs. Savitha KN, W/o. Mr. Balanjaneyulu, R/lat Maruthi Nilaya, Site No. 10, Sy. No. 62/4, Bidarhalli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560049.

3. Sri H. Nagaraj S/o. Sri Dayananda Nayak, R/lat No. 15, Benaka, 4th Main, Raghavendra Nagar, Doranavangar, Bengaluru-560016.

DEFENDANTS/Certificate Debtors WHEREAS, Certificate Debtors 1 to 3 were ordered by Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, on 24-04-2019 in Recovery Certificate No. 332/2019 in OA No. 800/2017. Applicant Certificate Holder bank is entitled to recover Rs. 10,16,047/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Sixteen Thousand forty Seven only) together with current and future interest at the rate of 9.5% p.a. plus penal interest at 2% with monthly rests from the date of filing of OA ie. 27-06-2017 till its realization along with cost. Whereas the said debt is not paid by the CDs.

This is to command to attach A Schedule movable property, scheduled in the Recovery Certificate No. 332/19 dated 24-04-2019 of the said Certificate Debtors set forth in the schedule hereto annexed unless they shall pay to you the above said sum and costs of their attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer and under Rule 23 of the Secured Schedule of Income Tax Act take actual physical possession of the movable property by seizure.

Further it is command to return the Warrant on the next date of hearing with an endorsement certifying that the day on which the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

Movable Property (Schedule A Property) Car Model Name: MARUTHI CIAZ NOI Registration No. KA03/MV 1929, Chassis No. MA3FXBE150103925 Engine No. D1342445695 Given my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the 19th Day of February 2020

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, Bangalore

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ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT - I, No.86, Spencer Tower ,MG Road, Bangalore-560 001.

Phone no.080-25588642,25588641, Extn: 530, e-mail cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25/09/2020, for recovery of Rs.12,06,59,549/- plus further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1). M/s YKG INFRAINDIA PRIVATE LIMITED Represented by its Director Sri Keshavamurthy G having the unit at No. 61, Sanjeevappa Lane Avenue Road Cross Bangalore 560002. (2). Sri Keshavamurthy G S/o Gangappa (Director & Guarantor) (3). Smt Swetha Nagaraj W/o Sri Keshavamurthy (Director & Guarantor) (4). Sri Gangappa S/o Anjanappa (Guarantor) all 2, 3 & 4 reside at Anjanaganga Adarshnagar 1st Cross Belagumba Road Tumkur - 572103. (5). Sri Sathyanarayana S/o Seetharamaiah (Guarantor), (6). Sundannamma T G W/o Sathyanarayanaappa both 5 & 6 residing at Seethakallu Urdigere Hobli Tumkur Taluk - 572140, (7). Sri Appaiah Nagaraj S/o R Appaiah (Guarantor) residing at No. 61, Sanjeevappa Lane Avenue Road Cross Bangalore - 560002 and (8). Sri Chikkabhyranna S/o Veeranna (Guarantor) residing at No. 30, Gokul Nilaya 2nd Cross Tumkur Town Tumkur - 572102.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366) to the credit of the account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before 23.09.2020:-

Sl no	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Amount (In Lakhs)
A	Residential Land (Anjanadri Nilaya) and Building bearing Municipal No. New 2397/34 (PID No.55-360-2397/34 measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft in all 1200 Sq. Ft situated at 18th Main, 2nd Stage Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru. Bounded by East: Property No 2397/32; West : Road; North: Property No. 2397/33; South : ISRO Property Nos 157 & 158	Rs. 1,19,00,000/-	Rs. 11,90,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara bank , Ph.No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.08.2020

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer Canara Bank

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 201, Raheja Point-1, Near SVC Bank, Nehru Road,Vakola, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400055.

Bommanahalli Branch : No. 5, 9 & 10, Garvebhavi Palya, 1st Floor, Above Domino's Pizza, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore - 560068, (Karnataka). Contact No: 94800 74594



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)
1.	Appl No : D1267977 (Bommanahalli Branch) Nanda Kumar M (Borrower) Lakshmi M (Co Borrower)	10-12-2019 ₹ 10,53,929.00	Site 40B (Southern Portion), Sy No.26/2A & 26/2B, Aarya Basaveshwara Layout, Kodige Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru -560057, Karnataka. Bounded : East Side by : Site No. 22, West Side By : Road, North Side By : Site No. 40A, South Side By : Site No. 41.	₹ 17,28,000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Only)	₹ 1,72,800.00 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Only)

1. Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/ Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 19.9.2020. within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 21.9.2020. at the above mentioned branch office address at 3:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.
3. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
4. 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to pay the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
5. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
6. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on "As Is Where Is Basis", "As Is What Is Basis" and "Whatever Is There Is Basis".
7. The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited Only.
8. The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned Branch office. Authorised officer reserve the rights to extend the date of tender or change the terms & conditions of bidding. For further details & other terms & conditions of bidding please visit our branch and website : www.aadharhousing.com

For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Place: Bommanahalli
Date : 18.8.2020

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

HDFC

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020

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Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560001. Ph : 080 41183000

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. Ravikumar (Borrower)	Rs.16,84,967/- in Loan Account No.615737127 and Rs.36,083/- in Loan Account No.616289692 totally accruing to Rs.17,21,050/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Twenty Only) as on 28.02.2018	20.04.2018	13.08.2020	Residential Two bed room apartment bearing Flat No. B6-306, in Third Floor of B Block of JANAPRIYA 1st AVENUE, measuring 820 sq. ft of built up area and 214.90 undivided share of land proportionate share in common areas with one two wheeler parking in basement, Situated at Nelamangala Town and Post, Bangalore and bounded as: East by: Open to Sky, West by: Passage to Staircase and Lift, North by : Open to Sky, South by: Flat No. B6-304.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation. However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. Borrower's attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s. Copies of the Phachanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 19.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT - I, No.86, Spencer Tower ,MG Road, Bangalore-560 001.

Phone no.080-25588642,25588641, Extn: 530, e-mail cb2366@canarabank.com

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25/09/2020, for recovery of Rs.11,86,18,408/- plus further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from : (1). M/S Manjushree Hardware Represented by its Prop Sri. R Shankar No. 54/55, 1st Main Road, Opp Garden School, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560060 (2).Sri R Shankar S/o Ramagounder (Proprietor & Guarantor) (3). Smt S. Manjula W/o Sri R Shankar (Guarantor) Both 2&3 reside at: No. 2, Kavika Layout Opp: Krishna Temple, Kengeri Satellite Town Kengeri Bengaluru - 560060.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366) to the credit of the account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before 23.09.2020:-

Sl. no	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
A	All the piece and parcel of Site No. 28 & 33, Katha No. 38/2, at Nagadevanahalli grama, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore, standing in the name of Sri R Shankar, Measuring East to West 80ft and North to South (27+30) / 2ft, in all 2280 Sq.ft and bounded on East by: 25ft Road, West by : 80 Ft Road, North by: Property bearing site No 29 & 32, South by: property bearing Site No 27 & 34.	Rs. 1,11,00,000/-	Rs. 11,10,000/-	Rs 1,00,000/-
B	All the piece and parcel of the site demarcated as Site No.12 measuring East to West 45 ft North to South 61 Ft in all 2745 Sq.Ft, in NGEF Employees and Ex-Employees House Building Development Co-Operative Society Ltd (Now BBMP Jnanabharathi Ward No. 129 and Khatha No.950/679/305/12) Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk standing in the name of Smt S Manjula W/o R Shankar bounded on East by: Remaining portion of Land belonging to NGEF Employees and Ex-Employees House Building Development Co-Operative Society Ltd; West by: Site No 11, North by: Road, South by : Site No 42 & 50.	Rs. 1,49,00,000/-	Rs. 14,90,000/-	Rs 1,00,000/-

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara bank , Ph.No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that our Clients **Shri B.R. Ramachandra Reddy** & Others have negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property described hereunder from its owner **Shri M. Narayanaswamy S/o Late Muniswannaip**, and our Clients intend to conclude the said transaction. As such any person(s) having any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims, if any, along with supporting documents to the below mentioned address within 7 (seven) days from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the said period, our Clients shall proceed as bonafide purchasers to conclude the sale transaction by paying the entire sale consideration amount and getting the sale deed registered in their favour.

SCHEDULE
All that piece & parcel of the vacant site property No. 3 measuring East to West : (39 + 37.5)/2 ft. & North to South : (61 + 63)/2 ft., totally measuring 2371.50 sq.ft. having BBMP Khata No. 86/105/7/3 situated at Byattayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, bounded on the East by : Venkatesh's Property, North by : Road, West by : B. Kalappa's Land, South by : Desappa's Property.

G.S. PRASANNA KUMAR
Advocate, M/s. Linc & Co.,
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Crescent Road, High Grounds,
Bengaluru - 560 001.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri K.R. Parthasarathy**, aged about 59 years, son of late K.B. Ramachandrabai, residing at No. 53, 2nd Floor, Swimming Pool Extension, Sudheendranagar, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003 states on 31.07.2020 in the morning when he left his house with the following original documents kept in a thick plastic cover in order to deliver the same to his Advocate who is having his office at Gandhinagar to be submitted in court cases:

1. Sale deed No. 510/1960-61
2. Sale deed No. 167/1961-62
3. Sale deed No. 2086/1962-63
4. Unregistered Will dated 25.1.1969
5. Partition deed No. 1106/1999-2000
6. Release deed No. 2410/1997-98
7. Release deed No. 618, 21.8.2010
8. Release deed No. 1702/2011-12
9. Partition deed No. 7081/1948-49
10. Sale deed No. 4460/1960-61
11. Will dated 10.12.1996
12. Partition deed No. 1106/1999-2000.

Police complaint in this behalf has also been lodged. Hence, it is hereby requested that the finder of the above documents may kindly be delivered to the undersigned on any working day or to my client Sri K.R. Parthasarathy to the aforesaid address.

S. CHENNAIRAYA REDDY
Advocate,
16, 6th Main, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560 009
Mobile No. 98451 45299
Email: Mukundreddy123@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property and accordingly my Client has negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property from its Owner **Mr. N. Ero Gowda S/o Late Muni Veere Gowda**, aged about 73 years, residing at No.365, 2nd 'N' Cross Road, 6th Main Road, Nagendra Block, Banashankari, III Stage, Bengaluru-560 050 who represent to my client that he is absolute Owner of the Schedule Property having acquired the same by way of registered Sale Deed Dated 16.09.2019, which is executed by Bangalore Development Authority registered Document No.3789/2019-20, Book I, stored in CD No.BD40426, registered in the office of Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District.

Therefore anyone having any manner of right, title interest or claim over the same or objecting to the sale, may lodge their objections/ claims together with the documents evidencing the same, with the undersigned within 7 days of the publication of this notice; failing which it will be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from claims/ encumbrances whatsoever and my client proceed with the purchase of the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No.6476, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (in Survey No.27, K. Krishnasagar Village), 5th Block, 'O' Sector** measuring East to West: 24.00 Mtrs and North to South : 15.30 Mtrs totally measuring 360.00 sq. mtrs. and bounded as follows:
East by : Road, West by : Site No.6471,
North by : Site No.6475, South by : Site No.6477.
Sd/- **SRI. LAKSHMANA M. M.S. SARALA LAW ASSOCIATES**
Advocates, Office at "Justice Point", No.158, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, 1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru- 560 053. PH:98453 62357

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General that my client **Smt. Varsha .S.** W/o. Ashwin V, No.23, 1st Block, Lakkanna Building, T.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-28, entered into an Agreement of sale for purchase of below mentioned Property from its owner **Smt. S. Mamatha**, W/o. Mr. N. Raju, R/lat No. 222, 3rd Block, BDA Layout, EWS Sector, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

Any person/s, firms, banks, developers, institutions, companies, private sectors etc., having any claim, right, share or interest over the schedule property, shall file his / her / their/its objections in writing along with original documents with the under signed within 07 days from the date of this publication.

Any objections on & after 07 days, shall not be entertained & my client shall proceed with sale transaction, presuming that there pre no claim/s what so ever of anyone over the property.

SCHEDULE
Property No.222 in a layout formed by the BDA at **J.P. Nagar 8th Stage, Block-II, EWS Sector, Bangalore** measuring East to West : 6.09 Meters and North to South: 9.14 Meters together with RCC roofed building consisting of Ground plus two Floors and bounded on:
East by : Private Property No.223,
West by : Private Property No.221,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.201,
A.N. Krishna, Advocate
#7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram,
Bengaluru-560004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that our client proposes to purchase immovable property more particularly described in the Schedule herein below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property" from its land owners 1. **Smt. Doddamaniyamma** W/o Late Doddanjanappa, 2. **Sri. Ramanajappa** S/o Late Chikamunishamma, 3. **Sri. Narayanappa** S/o Late Chikamunishamma, 4. **Sri. Muttappa** S/o Late Thimmaiah, 5. **Sri. Anjanappa** S/o Late Thimmaiah, along with their respective legal heirs, all are R/lat Rayasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk.

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution, corporate or otherwise, has or claims any right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof and/or upon the owners of the Schedule Property, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within 10 days from the date of this notice, failing which claim shall be deemed to have been waived or given up over the schedule property & our client shall proceed with the sale in respect of the schedule property. Any objections/ claims after expiry period shall neither be allowed or binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy. No.115 (Old Sy. No.44) measuring 4 Acres situated at **Rayasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk** and bounded by: East by: Sy No.114, West by: Sy No.102 and 116, North by: Sy No.97, South by: Sy No.105 and 106.
G. M. NAGESH KUMAR, Advocate
#9, Ground Floor, Amar Tower, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore 560 009.
Mob: 98800 21924.

CLASSIFIEDS**PUBLIC NOTICE****CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Ranjitha W/o. **M. Lalith Kumar** aged about 40 years resident of No. 55/1, Sree Mangal Kunji Chikka Annamma Temple Street, Ulsoorpet, Sunkalpet Cross, Bangalore - 560 002, have changed my name from **RANJITHA** to **RANJITHAA**, vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020 sworn before **T.C Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

Hiyaa.L D/o. **M. Lalith Kumar** aged about 12 years resident of No. 55/1, Sree Mangal Kunji Chikka Annamma Temple Street, Ulsoorpet, Sunkalpet Cross, Bangalore - 560 002, have changed my Daughter name from **HIYA .L** to **HIYAA .L** vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020 sworn before **T.C Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **Ms. NAGARATNA MOGALISHETTA**, D/o Mr. Subhas Mogalishetta, aged 32 years, presently residing at S4, Puspaha Enclave, Second Floor, 27th Main, Ejipura, Bengaluru-560047, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **GAURI S.** by virtue of an affidavit dated 7th 28, 2020 and shall hereafter be known as **GAURI S.** It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection vide affidavit dated July 28, 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T. MALLIKARJUNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **BHAGCHAND GURJAR** S/o Devkaran Gurjar, Employed as Technical Project Manager at MetFlux Research Pvt. Ltd., R/o Flat #173, Ananta Building, Hillside Road, IIT Bombay, Powai-400076, Mumbai, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **"KARAN LOMORE"**, Vide Affidavit dated 17.08.2020, before Notary **Smt. VATSALA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MARUMPALLY ANJANEYULU REDDY Residing At No. 47/2, 1st Floor, Austin Plaza, Austin Town, Bangalore - 560 047 have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MORUMAPALLE ANJANEYA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 08.07.2020 sworn before notary **B.M Chandrashekar**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. Srikanth P L N and **Mrs. RUCHIKA SHARMA**, both are residing at Flat No. E-302, 3rd Floor, Chokkietta, Boravel Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066, hereby declare that my Daughter birth Certificate name was **SMRIDHI SHARMA PATANEI**. In Study Certificate my daughter name is **INAAYA SHARMA PATANEI**. I declare that **SMRIDHI SHARMA PATANEI** Alias **INAAYA SHARMA PATANEI** are the names of one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 12-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary **Yankoba**, Bangalore.

Maha Rashtira Apex Corporation Limited
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CIN: L5510KA1943PLC001177, Website: www.maharashtraxapex.com, Email: mrac.hq@manipal.com, Tel: 080-45313131

FOR THE ATTENTION OF SHAREHOLDERS OF MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATION LTD
Maha Rashtira Apex Corporation Ltd requests its Shareholders to register their email address and mobile number for updating the said details in the records of the relevant depositories through their depository participants or by visiting web link <http://www.purvashare.com/email-and-phone-updation/as> provided by Registrar and Transfer Agent M/s Purva Share Registry (India) Pvt Ltd (RTA) for sending certain documents/information as required.

The RTA can also be contacted at support@purvashare.com
No action is required from shareholders whose email address and mobile number are already correctly updated.

for **MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATION LTD.,**
Sd/- **(J M PANDAY)**
COMPANY SECRETARY
Date: 13.08.2020

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Canara Bank
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

ARM Branch- II,
2nd Floor, Circle Office,
Spencer Towers, No.86,
M G Road, Bengaluru-560001

SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23/09/2020, from 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M., for recovery of (A) **Rs.56,50,875/-** together with costs, expenses and future interest @ 13.90% p.a. compounded with monthly rests from the date of filing of OA i.e. no. 05/02/2018 till its realization as per RC no.1090/2019 in OA no.151/2018 dated 15.11.2019 in respect of M/s.Shreya Textiles, (B) **Rs.2,03,07,643/-** together with costs, expenses and future interest in terms of RC no.1109/2019 in OA no.215/2018 dated 15.11.2019 in respect of M/s.Diwa Fabs and (C) **Rs.2,67,92,126/-** together with costs, expenses and future interest in terms of RC no. 1091/2019 in OA no.161/2018 dated 14.11.2019 in respect of M/s.SAS Star due to ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank from **Sri.J Shanka Naidu, Proprietor, M/s.SAS Star, M/s.Diwa Fabs & M/s.Shreya Textiles.**

The reserve price will be **Rs.216.00 Lakhs** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.21,60,000/-**. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 21/09/2020 at 5.00 pm.

Details and full description of the property:
All that part and parcel of property bearing Sy.No.66/1D, House list no.17/371, Ranganathapura, 1st Main Road, Kamakshipalaya Village, Saneguruvanahalli Dakhle, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore 560079 measuring East to West 67 feet and North to South 60 feet in all measuring 4020 sq.ft. and bounded on the East by Road , West by Road, North by Private Property and South by Private Property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/> provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e. www.canarabank.com or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM Branch II Bangalore, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9483544116, 080-25588002**, during office hours on any working day.

Date: 17.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O. : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph-080-23342713/
23342323, E-Mail : mcb_mail@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcb.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Mrs. Madhu Harinath W/o Harinath V 2. Mr. Harinath V S S/o Subbaiah V R. all are residing at #FF2, Image Green Apartment, 7th Cross, Poomapragna Layout, Bengaluru-560061.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 Possession Notice Dated: 17.08.2020

Balance outstanding: Rs.37,29,487/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven Only) as on 31.07.2020 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Flat Bearing No.101, North Facing (3BHk) In First Floor, In The Residential Apartment Known As "JPCPRISM" Constructed On "A" Schedule Property (BBMP Khata No.153/396/8/19/20 Site No.19 & 20 In Sy.No.8 Of Vaddarapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 4800 Sq.ft.) Consisting of Living Cum Dining, Three Bedroom, Kitchen, One Attached Bath Room & Toilet, One Common Bathroom & Toilet, Having Super Built Up Area of 1318 Sq.ft., With A Covered Car Parking In The Stilt Floor With The Proportionate Share In Common Area Such As Lobbies, Staircase, Passage, Ducts, Entrance, Foyer Etc. Including All Rights, Privileges And Appurtenances Thereo, Constructed The Site Measuring Builtup Area 1318 Sq.ft., and Bounded as Follows: East by : Private Property, West by : Flat No.102, North by : Common Corridor, South by : Private Property.

2. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Mrs. Shashikala S W/o Balaji P S 2. Mr. Balaji P S S/o Suryanarayana Reddy 3. Mr. Rohan B S/o Balaji P S All Are Residing At No.28, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Subbanna Garden (Aiyappa Swamy Temple Road) Vijayanagar, Bangalore, 560040.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 Possession Notice Dated: 17.08.2020

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,94,21,159/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on 31.07.2020 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Municipal No.16/3, situated at 7th cross road, Subbanna Garden, Marenahalli, Bangalore, PID No.35-42-16/3. Formerly No 11, Marenahalli, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 54 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, Total area 1620 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Others Property, North by : Property No 12, South by : Road.

3. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Mr. Balamurugan P S/o Pichai M 2. Mr. Bhaskar M P S/o Pichai M 3. Smt. Maheshwari S B W/o Balamurugan P 4. Smt. Kala G B W/o Bhaskar M P All Are Residing at No.135/2, 11th Cross, Vyalikaval, Bangalore, 560003.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 Possession Notice Dated: 17.08.2020

Balance outstanding: Rs.2,21,98,765/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five only) as on 31.07.2020 and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing (Old PID No 135/3, Then 16/135) At 11th Cross, Malleshwaram Main Road, Vyalikaval, Kodandaramapuram Ward No 5, and Present PID No.5-88-135/3, Being Portion of Property Bearing No 16/135, Present BBMP Municipal New No 135/3, PID No 5-88-135/3, 11th cross road, Malleshwaram Main Road, Vyalikaval, Kodandaramapuram Bangalore. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 35 Feet, North to South 66 Feet, Total area 2310 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows: East by : Portion of the same property sold to Sri Seetaram, West by : Portion of the same property sold to Sri Narasimhaiah, North by : Portion of the same property Retained by the original vendors, South by : 11th Cross Road, Malleshwaram Bangalore.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANAND L, R/lat No.482, 17th Cross, Near Amma Ashrama Arch, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056, have Changed My Minor Daughter name from **JEEVITHA** to **JEEVITHA ANAND** vide affidavit dated:18/08/2020 before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHADEVI JANGIN W/o Late Hav Shivamandirayya Math (NO.6303118) R/lat No.395/1, Nandigrha, 7th Cross, Srigandhanagar, Hegganahalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091 have Changed my name as MAHADEVI S MATH and Date Of Birth 31 Dec 1945 instead of Mahadevi Jangin and Date of Birth as 10 May 1952 vide affidavit dated:04/06/2020 before Notary **Chandrashekar Patil Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAYA NEELESH K., S/o S. Kannan, aged about 21 years, Residing at No. C3-14, BDA Flats Kalahalli Layout, Kensington Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 042, have changed my name to **LAYA NEELESH KANNAN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAYA NEELESH KANNAN** only in all my further records and for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-08-2020, before Notary **N. NAGAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NARENDRA K. AITHAL have changed my Minor Daughter's name (OLD NAME) **SHRI GOWRI N**, aged 08 years, Residing @No-12, 2nd Cross, Near Maternity Hospital, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, shall henceforth be known as (NEW NAME) **ANIKAI AITHAL** vide affidavit dated: 13.08.2020 before Notary **Onkarappa.N.R**, Bengaluru-21

CHANGE OF NAME

I, C ANJALI DEVI W/o No. 132881TW Late SPR Arumugam Residing At No. 63, 5th Cross, Modi Garden, Behind M.L Line, JC Nagar, Bangalore - 560 006 Karnataka have changed my daughter's name from **AMITHA** to **ANITHA**. A vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020 Sworn Before Notary **G.B Turamari**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KESHAV KAPIL S/o Ashok Kumar Resident of No. 14, SNCO's Mess, Murugesphalya Camp, Bangalore - 560017 have changed my name from **KESHAV KAPIL** to **KESHAV YADAV** vide affidavit before notary **D Guna Shekar** dated 07.08.2020

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL S/o Late DHODCHAND BHANWARAL PORWAL, aged 58 years, residing at Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Palace Heights, No. 19, Palace Cross Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore - 560001, state that by inadvertence I have used different names as **B. DIPIL KUMAR @ DIPIL KUMAR @ DIPIL KUMAR B. PORWAL @ DIPIL B. PORWAL @ DIPIL KUMAR PORWAL @ DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL @ DIPIL BHANWARAL @ BHANWARAL @ BHANWARAL @ DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL @ DHODCHAND BHANWARAL PORWAL** in various documents relating to me. All these names refer to me and I am the same person. Henceforth, I will refer my name as **DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL S/o DHODCHAND BHANWARAL PORWAL** vide affidavit dated 17-08-2020 sworn before the Notary **K.C. Gowthami**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PAVAN DIPIL PORWAL W/o DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL, aged 55 years, residing at Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Palace Heights, No. 19, Palace Cross Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore - 560001, state that by inadvertence I have used different names as **PAVAN DEVI @ PAVAN D. PORWAL @ SHAH PAVANKUMARI CHAMPALLA @ PAVAN DIPIL PORWAL W/o B. DIPIL KUMAR @ DIPIL KUMAR @ DIPIL B. PORWAL @ DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL** in various documents relating to me. All these names refer to me and I am the same person. Henceforth, I will refer my name as **PAVAN DIPIL PORWAL W/o DIPIL BHANWARAL PORWAL** vide Affidavit dated 17-08-2020 sworn before the Notary **K.C. Gowthami**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Munijammal, Aged about 69 years, W/o Late Manickam, Residing at No.53, 1st A Cross, 2nd Main, Amedkar layout, Bengaluru North, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023. I declare that **Munijamma** and **Munijammal** belong to same person only, vide affidavit dated 13.08.2020 sworn before notary **M.K.Devaki**, Advocate and Notary **Bangalore**.

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Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total liabilities	Branch Name	Possession Type	Reserve Price (In Rs)	EMD (In lakhs)	Bid Incremental Value	Authorized Officer / Service Provider name and contact number	Account details for remitting EMD.
1.	Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address: (1). Mr. Balakrishna, S/O Mr. A.L Dhingra, residing at No 25, 11th Cross, KPC Layout, Sy.No. 38/1, Kasavanahalli , Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore-560035. (2). Mrs. Yogita B K, W/O Mr. Balakrishna, residing at No 25, 11th Cross, KPC Layout, Sy.No. 38/1, Kasavanahalli , Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore-560035. Description of property with boundaries: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Residential land and building with Site No.25, formed in converted Sy No 38/1, Khata No. 96, Assessment Register No.96 (Present BBMP Khata No. 121/96/25), situated at Junnasandra village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 Sq. Feet and bounded on the : East by :Private Property, West by :30 feet Road, North by : Site No 24, South by : Site No 26	Rs.19,07,087.52 /- (Nineteen Lakhs Seven Thousand Eighty Seven Rupees and Fifty Two Paise only) along with costs, expenses and future interest @13.95% p.a compounded with monthly rest from 02/03/2019	Doddakanahalli	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 49,77,000/-	Rs. 4,97,700/-	Rs. 10,000.00	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No.218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H 9480961777/ 8553643144	Canara Bank , Doddakanahalli (R B D Layout Branch), Acc No.2757295000001, IFSC CODE: CNRB0002757
2.	Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address: (1). M/s Sri Bhemas Garden, No 648e,srinivasa Nilaya, Sarjapura Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035. (2). C Trilokesh, Proprietor Of M/s Sri Bhemas Garden, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035. (3). Aruna (guarantor), W/o Trilokesh, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035 Description of property with boundaries: All that piece and parcel of the converted residential vacant property bearing Site No. 17, in the layout called "SIMHAPURI TOWN SHIP" formed in Survey nos. 483 and 485, Old V.P. Katha No.557, New Katha No. 2858/557/17, converted as per conversion orders bearing Nos. BDS.ALN. SR.(A) 101/1995-96, dated 15.11.1995 and BDS.ALN.SR. (A) 45/1994-95, dated 02.11.1995, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2,400 Sq.Ft, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hob								

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE/(O)/AEE-2/2020-21/2183-89
Date: 17.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL invites bids on Electronic mode for the following works.

- 1) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/13/20-21 dtd: 17.07.2020** for providing additional earthing to Towers of 220kV 110kV M/C Kemar-Guruvayanakere in TL&SS Division, Kemar.
- 2) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/11/20-21 dtd: 17.07.2020** for providing One No. of intermediate 220kV DA+0 Tower between Loc. No. 380 and 381 of 220kV Varahi-Kemar DC Line near Hebri village in Karkala Taluk, Udupi district.
- 3) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/12/20-21 dtd: 17.07.2020** for providing One No. of intermediate 220kV DA+0 Tower between Loc. No. 474 and 475 of 220kV Varahi-Kemar DC Line near Gundyadka village in Karkala Taluk, Udupi district.
- 4) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/14/20-21 dtd: 13.08.2020** for Survey 110 kV Kavoor - Kulashchakra line.
- 5) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/15/20-21 dtd: 13.08.2020** for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply 110kV & 33kV SF6 Circuit Breaker for Mangaluru Transmission Circle.
- 6) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/MNG/EE(0)/AEE-1/64/19- 20 dtd: 13.02.2020 /CALL-3** Tender for revenue survey of proposed 110kV Sullyia line (CALL-3).
- 7) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-3/44/19- 20 dtd: 14.11.2019 -CALL 5** for Replacement of deteriorated ground wire in 110kV Salethur-Konaje S/C line (CALL-5).
- 8) **BID ENQUIRY NO: KPTCL/2020-21/OW/Work_Indent/7218** for Tender for outsourcing of housekeeping of KPTCL Guest House at Maroli, Mangaluru.
- 9) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/KPTCL/MNG/16/20-21 dtd: 13.08.2020** for work of repairing and Servicing of 10MVA 110/33-11kV Volt Amp make Power Transformer bearing S: N1887/13, at 110/33/11kV Jeppu Sub Station (SHORT TERM TENDER)
- 10) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-3/54/19-20 Dtd: 31.12.2019 /CALL 4** for Procurement of SF6 Gas for Mangaluru Transmission Circle (CALL-4).
- 11) **BID ENQUIRY NO: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/MNG/05/2020-21 dtd: 11.05.2020 /CALL-2** for Supply and replacement of weak & faulty insulators of 110kV Hiriyaada -Madhuvana -Kundapura SC Line in TLM Udupi Section, under TL&SS division, Kemar, Karkala on Total Turn Key basis. (CALL-2).
- 12) **BID ENQUIRY NO: SEE/W&M/MNG/09/20-21 Date: 17.07.2020** for Design, Manufacture and Supply of 3 Nos of DCDBs for 110kV Substations coming under Kemar TL&SS Division in Mangaluru Transmission Circle.

The detailed Notification regarding the works called through e-procurement mode can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on hyperlink "tenders" or e-procurement's website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 4.00 p.m. on 19.08.2020. Any other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)
Transmission (Works & Maintenance) Circle,
KPTCL, Maroli, Kulashchakra, Mangaluru - 575005
Ph : 0824-2211342



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TATA GROUP A GOOD OPTION TO KEEP AIR INDIA FLYING

Government-owned Air India is once again on the block, and the Tata Group may emerge as the only possible bidder. Hit by the coronavirus lockdown, air travel is at its lowest, and it is possibly the worst time to buy an airline. There will be therefore little competition to the Tatas if they do finally make a bid. After two-three unsuccessful attempts at privatising the loss-making Air India, the government has finally got real and is offering terms that would make sense to a serious buyer. This round, it is offering 100% divestment, including Air India's real estate assets. The daunting debt of over ₹58,000 crore will be broken up with 60% to be transferred to a special purpose vehicle (SPV), and retained by the government. The winning bidder will have to therefore absorb a little over ₹23,000 crore.

The Tata Group, of all the options, offers the best fit. It has the pedigree—after all, J R D Tata laid the foundations of the airline in 1946. After years of being out in the cold, the Group has acquired substantial experience in aviation with controlling stakes in two airlines: Air Asia India and Vistara. With the acquisition of Air India, the Tatas will inherit a vast network of 52 Indian and 42 international destinations, and a fleet of 146 aircraft.

The privatisation of Air India has dragged on too long. The first two rounds of bidding in 2018 failed because of the unrealistic terms offered by the government to prospective bidders. Commercial viability in aviation has always been a tough nut to crack. The inability to find a buyer for the grounded Jet Airways also offers an important lesson. On the other hand, the Tata Group is well-positioned to take on board Air India, and merge it with its other airline operations. More importantly, time is running out. How long will a disinterested government bankroll a loss-making airline? When bids close on August 31, one hopes a divestment formula will be hammered out that will save the airline.

THE PERILS OF VACCINE NATIONALISM

In human history, smallpox is the only disease that science has managed to eradicate till date. Every other major illness was brought under control through a strict regimen of vaccination, as in the case of polio. Now, for Covid-19, around 150 vaccine candidates are under different stages of trial around the world, including three from India. Scientists have made it clear that lockdowns and restrictions are mere temporary efforts. In the long run, herd immunity—developed through vaccination—is the only solution. But challenges to achieving that are many. For starters, scientists have warned against 'vaccine nationalism'.

As during the space race in the Cold War era, countries are rushing at breakneck speed to bring out a vaccine to contain Covid. The irony of the situation is completely lost on Russian policymakers, who have named their vaccine 'Sputnik'. To win the race, international news agency Bloomberg reports that Russian authorities have decided to approve the vaccine even before crucial tests to ascertain its safety and efficacy were conducted. Noted infectious diseases specialist Paul Offit feels Russia's recklessness could encourage more countries to follow suit. It does not help that the US has named its vaccine production efforts 'Mission Warp Speed'.

For India, the bigger problem would be ensuring equitable access to the vaccine once one hits the market. Number predictions suggest that India would have the most number of Covid cases by early 2021. And unlike in the case of pulse polio, the sheer number of Covid vaccines needed to keep India safe will be mind-boggling. The production, logistics and distribution chains have to work seamlessly to ensure that the loss of lives is minimised. The greater challenge would be the finances. The government will have to provide free vaccination for the poor. But where will the money come from for such large quantities, especially when state treasuries are battered by successive lockdowns? Indian policymakers have their task cut out. Even as vaccine production is underway, states and the Centre must begin work on putting together a system for effective vaccine delivery to cover the maximum number of people.



It is a mistake ... to try to establish and maintain, through ignorance, public esteem for our courts

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CONTEMPT POWER CAN HALT JUDICIAL REFORMS

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Rubin Carter, the famous black American boxer, was wrongfully convicted of triple murder in the 1960s. The trial proceedings were criticised for being racially prejudiced. The wrongful conviction became the feature of the song 'Hurricane' written by Bob Dylan and Jacques Levy, part of which runs as follows: "The trial was a pig-circus, he never had a chance / The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums."

The writers were not charged with contempt of court. Later, in the 1980s, Carter was released from jail based on the finding that his conviction was vitiated by racial bias. Acknowledgement of error is a great judicial virtue. But for pointing out the error, there has to be tolerance on the Bench.

The Supreme Court has found lawyer Prashant Bhushan guilty of contempt. The fact remains that both the tweets by Bhushan were critical of a public institution, the Supreme Court. The judgment can adversely impact judicial reforms in India. Reforms can happen only in a climate of outspoken criticism and unlimited deliberation. Only a continuous process of thesis, antithesis and synthesis can create an organic judiciary that is sen-

sitive to people's concerns. A pre-censorship on institutional criticism not only curtails freedom of expression, it also ultimately causes damage to the very institution of judiciary.

The judgment by the Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra could happen because contempt power is vested with the court by virtue of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, and the provision in the Constitution (Article 129). No one can dispute the need to have such a general power. Violation of a court order should result in an action for contempt or else the order may not be enforced. But the question of criminal contempt stands on a different footing altogether. Section 2(c) (i) of the 1971 Act defined criminal contempt as something that "scandalises or tends to scandalise or lowers or tends to lower the authority of any court". The text of the law is so wide and elastic that anything critical could be brought within the ambit of this definition. The provision is vitiated by vagueness, whereas precision is the hallmark of law. The very existence of the law on criminal contempt has a chilling effect on critics at large. The law, therefore, is antithetical to the idea of deliberative democracy. The theme of this piece is sim-

ple and straightforward: Law of criminal contempt imperils the judiciary itself by perpetuating the evils within the system. Corruption, misbehaviour, incompetence and inefficiency are the vices affecting the judicial systems across the world and India is no exception. This is a fact acknowledged even in judicial pronouncements. We have an opaque system of appointment that is not capable of tracing out the best in terms of ethical, intellectual and professional parameters. Like several other countries, we also lack a mechanism that ensures judicial accountability. This could lead to the erosion of juridical values and institutional probity. This is



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the judicial ecosystem that calls for vigilance from the informal yet strong guardians of the Constitution—members of the bar and the media. This is the point where the law on criminal contempt commits its mischief.

In 2013, the UK built up a twin tower of reforms. On the one hand, it amended the Constitutional Reform Act by democratising the process of appointment of judges to the higher courts with an independent commission and more transparent means for consultations. It also passed the Crime and Courts Act in the same year. Section 33 of the Act talks about "abolition of scandalising the judiciary as a form of contempt of Court". The statute clarifies that scandalising the court or judges will not be treated as "a form of contempt of court under the common law of England and Wales". After a span of about seven years, there is no empirical evidence to show that the judiciary in the UK was put to disrepute due to the change in law. The indications are quite the opposite.

In India, the top court by and large has taken a liberal approach that did not favour "the frequent or indiscriminate use" of the contempt power as it will not help "to sustain the dignity

or status" of the court (In the matter of: Under Article 143 of the Constitution, 1964). In Re: S Mulgaokar (1978) and in Shiv Shankar (1988), the court invoked its jurisdictional liberalism. Justice Krishna Iyer in Mulgaokar wrote in his characteristic style: "Every commission of contempt need not erupt in indignant committal or demand punishment, because judges are judicious, their valour non-violent and their wisdom goes into action when played upon by a volley of values, the least of which is personal protection..."

Unlike the other limbs of the state, the judiciary is not exposed to the sunlight, 'the best disinfectant', as termed by Justice Brandeis. This, in turn, makes the need for reforms crucial and fundamental. Robert H Bork, who was a great American jurist, said: "Our courts are behaving badly and the public, to the degree it can be brought to understand that, will exert force for reform, a reform that must be structural as well as intellectual and moral." The sword of criminal contempt annihilates judicial democracy, ultimately rendering the court less and less accountable.

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MAKING SENSE OF DIVERGENT RETAIL & WHOLESALE FOOD PRICES

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Meat and fish eaters beware! The price of your favourite chicken, mutton and hilsa are rising at a double-digit rate close to 19%. Not that you would be better off if you were the vegetarian variety either, since vegetables at 11% and pulses at 16% would burn a deep hole in the pocket equally.

Even as India completes five months of a pandemic-induced lockdown and experts continue to debate the possible shape of a recovery, the scourge of inflation seems to be creeping up slowly. The latest inflation data of the Consumer Price Index-Combined for July 2020 released by the government suggests that the rate at which prices have been rising has breached the psychological mark of 6% and is at 6.93%. A large part of such inflation is driven by food inflation, which has risen to 8.71% from the 7.29% the previous month.

However, there are wide regional variations. While the northern states of Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Ra-

jasthan demonstrate relatively lower inflation rates (average of 5.73%), the same in southern states—Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala (average of 7.28%)—is higher than the national average. The highest inflation (average of 8.37%) is however exhibited by the eastern states, particularly Assam, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha and West Bengal. Interstate variations are even wider, with consumers in Assam facing a 11.24% inflation as opposed to those in Delhi (3.6%). States would need to do some soul-searching to understand the reasons why some of their peers fare better than others.

Moreover, the Wholesale Price Index data for July released by the government just a day later reveals a negative inflation of -0.58%. Food inflation at 4.06% is less than half the rate displayed by the consumer price index. The CPI-WPI gap stands at a whopping 7.51%.

How does one make sense of these widely divergent price trends between the Wholesale

and Consumer Price Indices and the resultant gap? The answer to this lies in the basket of goods comprising the WPI and the CPI, which are vastly different, and the underlying weaknesses of India's economy. While the WPI comprises chiefly manufactured goods (64.23%), it is food that constitutes much of the CPI at 45.86%. And thus, while a rising CPI has been due to food prices increasing, it goes beyond that. Food prices received by the farmers—the wholesalers of food—have either crashed or haven't risen enough, due to the lack of staying power on the part of farmers. With supply chains hit, retail prices reflect a lack of adequate supply, accounting for the divergence between the food prices at the wholesale and retail levels. A deep dive reveals dimensions that require a different approach to resolving such food inflation.



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The steep rise in the price of meat, fish, eggs, pulse and pulse products, and vegetables indicates that Indians are eating more nutritiously and a more protein-vitamin rich diet. This is good news. What is not is the fact that such inflation is more than a mere demand problem. It has to do more with a paucity of supply. The government tries to encourage farmers to produce and supply food crops through a system of Minimum Support Prices (MSP). However, such MSPs have been fixed for 20 food crops, including seven cereals (paddy, maize, jowar, bajra, wheat, barley and ragi), five pulses including tur, and eight oilseed crops including soybean and sunflower. No such support is given to the animal food-based sectors, nor to farmers of vegetables and fruits.

Take the case of the wholesale prices of meat, fish and eggs with a WPI inflation of 5.27%. With MSPs of crops such as maize, bajra, soybean and others used as animal feed going up, and the resultant higher open market prices of such cereals and pulse products, poultry and dairy farmers face higher production costs. Higher prices received for such products would then be unremunerative in the

face of higher input costs. Besides price concerns, these farmers also suffer from lack of awareness regarding disease management and face issues such as high mortality rates of poultry, lack of government concessions and the negative perceptions associated with animal products when faced with recurrent epidemics.

There are also issues regarding Indian agriculture's high dependence on and vulnerability to monsoons, lack of adequate storage and warehousing capacity within agriculture, as well as poor road and railway infrastructure, which prevent timely supplies of agricultural produce.

Going beyond agriculture, the WPI reflects that the manufactured products' inflation at 0.51% is at the same level as it was in February 2020. This indicates that at the root of the collapse of the manufacturing sector has been an overall recession, which goes beyond the pandemic.

The problems with India's inflation are structural. While pandemics and like crises exacerbate existing anomalies and weaknesses, blaming it all on Covid-19 will be akin to an ostrich burying its head in the sand. This time is no different!

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Need more exam centres

The apex court has refused to defer NEET and JEE Mains. This is indeed welcome. Covid would not go away in a jiffy. The students cannot waste any more time. The tests have to be conducted with all safeguards. The best way forward is to increase the number of centres for NEET to maintain social distancing. Kamaal Rummo, Bengaluru

Chauhan's determination

The passing away of ex-Indian cricketer Chetan Chauhan is a huge loss not only to the cricketing fraternity, but also to Indian politics, as he served as a minister with distinction in UP. Forging a solid opening pair with the illustrious Sunil Gavaskar, Chauhan, with his patience and dogged determination, helped the pair stitch as many as 10 century stands. R Sivakumar, Chennai

Impact of social media

This is with reference to the editorial *A pandemic that is eating away at our body politic* (Aug 18). Social media is having a great impact on the social fabric of the nation. Fake news online has become commonplace even as consumer confidence in traditional media outlets has eroded. Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

No remedy in sight

The editorial has highlighted the potential of social media to cause mayhem. Various incidents, including the recent one in Bengaluru, have proved it. There is a promise of cure in the case of Covid. The pandemic of hate on social media can cause irreversible damage but there is no remedy in sight. Sadly, the world has become addicted to it. Hemantha Bhide, Mangaluru

Address fear of painful death

We are in a senior citizen home, locked in for more than five months. The fear of a painful death due to the coronavirus now haunts us. We were praying to God daily even before Covid for *anayaasa maranam*, death without disease or hospitalisation. Many other elderly people are also praying for the same. Authorities and doctors treating corona patients should spread awareness and remove the big fear of a painful death from the minds of senior citizens. V Narayanan, Coimbatore

Most depend on buses, trains

The Tamil Nadu government has made it easier for people to get e-passes for inter-district level. But for many, it will not be really useful in the absence of public transport—buses and trains. GSathiyarayanan, Chennai

A complete musician

Pandit Jasraj was a complete musician. The legend popularised the *Haveli Sangeet* style and his demise is a great loss to Indian music. Eappen Elias, Thiruvananthapuram

Mental health & the young

With lifetime mental health disorders in many starting by 14, age appropriate mental health intervention, therapeutic treatment and rehabilitation should be prioritised. Early detection and treatment are key. But all too often, what stands in the way of young people seeking help at an early stage is the stigma that prevents communities from talking openly about such problems. Fortunately, this taboo is beginning to reduce and youngsters are leading the way, founding NGOs and raising awareness. Payal Mohapatra, Cuttack

Embarrassing award

That the Manipur government had bestowed the CM Police Medal award on a cop who was allegedly involved in a drug trafficking racket and subsequently arrested in 2013 is embarrassing. Though the award has been withdrawn, this incident shows the laxity of the officials concerned in verifying the antecedents of potential awardees. Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

Pressuring judges?

This is with reference to *41 lawyers write to SC, say Bhushan's conviction will discourage free speech* (Aug 18). They say a silenced bar will undermine the independence of the court. But the pressuring of judges and courts to obtain a verdict that is to one's liking too is a problem. R Haripanth, Chennai

Cong to Zuckerberg: Don't interfere in our democracy

Seeks probe into conduct of firm's leadership team over alleged 'bias'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg seeking a high-level inquiry into the conduct of company's India leadership team over reports that the social media platform did not apply its hate speech rules on BJP leaders.

Accusing Facebook India of interfering with India's electoral democracy, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal, in a letter to Zuckerberg, also demanded that pending the internal investigation and submission of the report, the company should "consider a new team to lead Facebook India operations so as to not influence the probe".

He said the Congress is joined by other leading political parties in expressing fear over Facebook's purported role in manipulating India's electoral democracy.

"Set up a high-level inquiry by Facebook headquarters into the Facebook India leadership team and their operations and submit a report to the Board of Facebook within one or two months. The report should also be made public," he said.

The opposition has attacked Facebook following a report by

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) last week alleged that senior Facebook executives had opposed applying hate speech rules to posts by certain BJP leaders, with the BJP and the Congress engaged in a bitter war of words for the last three days over the issue. The opposition is demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the matter, which has been rejected by the BJP.

Asking the US firm to publish all instances of hate speech posts since 2014 that were allowed on the platform, the Congress leader further said that Facebook may be a willing participant in thwarting the rights and values that the founding leaders of the Congress sacrificed their

lives for. "The WSJ article mentions hate speech of at least three other politicians that were wilfully permitted by Facebook India. The Congress has raised the issue of bias with many Facebook and WhatsApp executives. This is a very serious issue of Facebook's interference in the world's largest electoral democracy," he wrote.

In a tweet, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said: "Facebook's involvement in peddling fake and hate news needs to be questioned by all Indians."



FIR filed against top FB executive

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A Chhattisgarh journalist, Awesh Tiwari, who was among the five persons named by the public policy director of Facebook India in her FIR, has lodged a counter complaint against her and two other social media users for allegedly threatening him through online posts and calls.

Ankhi Das filed her complaint with the cyber cell of Delhi police on Monday alleging Tiwari had threatened her on FB. Tiwari (47) told this paper that the charges against him were baseless. "Really shocked to learn that I am among those named in her complaint. I have never ever interacted with her on any platform. This is absolutely absurd", he said.

The Chhattisgarh scribe, who is also an editor of a regional news channel *Swaraj Express*, filed a counter FIR where he stated that Das and the two other Facebook users, Ram Sahu and Vivek Sinha, have published and spread contents intended to create religious discord and targeted him. The police have registered an FIR against the three.

'Advantage Don among Indian-Americans'

FOR the Indian-American voters, it will be a tough choice in the US presidential elections. While Professor Sreeram Sundar Chaulia, Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, feels the Modi-Trump bonhomie gives the Republicans an edge as far as Indian-American voters are concerned, India's former ambassador to the US Meera Shankar believes the impact of Kamala Harris factor can't be negated. They were in conversation with author and senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai in *TNIE Expressions*, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.

Sinha was debating the pros and cons of the NEP with the Congress leader MM Pallam Raju and DMK's Rajya Sabha MP TKS Elangovan.

The tightening of H1B visa rules, immigration policies and a "laboured" response to the Covid-19 pandemic would not have dented Donald Trump's prospects in the US presidential elections as far as the Indian-American community is concerned, opined



Chaulia. "Trump going after H1B visas did not affect naturalised Americans and some of them may vote for him because of the Modi-Trump bonhomie, because he is against radical Islam and is ready for a big dust-up against China. Perceptions matter for lay voters. So, a guy who is calling them (China) names and looks like he is going to punch them in the eye will appeal to them," he said.

The Modi-Trump bonhomie and relationship is expected to play a large part in the way Indian diaspora votes in the upcoming polls, said Shankar, who was the ambassador from 2009-2011.

She pointed out that though Democratic presidential can-



didate Joe Biden's numbers are currently ahead of Trump's, the margins are very slim, "Trump's own approval rating has remained steady and he has neither been able to increase it nor has it decreased very significantly. Which means his constituencies are rock solid," she explained.

Both Shankar and Chaulia believed that the addition of Kamala Harris to the Biden ticket is being keenly watched. "Harris being on the Biden ticket is historic because she is a woman and she is a woman of colour and this has energised the campaign from an 'anything but Trump' state," said Shankar.

"Traditionally, Indian-Americans have heavily leant



Democratic," explained Chaulia. "One hears that Trump's campaign is targeting Hindus and 1.3 million voters is no small number... I don't expect many of them to vote Democratic, though Harris may be an added attraction."

Having dealt with Biden when he served as Obama's Vice-President, Shankar pointed out that one thing that worked in his favour was his positive attitude towards India. "He's had long experience in foreign policy and a positive attitude towards India. You'll never get the unfiltered responses of President Trump. There will be more predictability and a more cautious and mainstream (approach)," she said.

ESTIMATION

By 2025, India will have 12% rise in cancer cases: Report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE latest National Cancer Registry Programme report has projected that the country will have 13.9 lakh cancer cases by the end of this year and it will increase to 15.7 lakh by 2025, marking a rise of about 12% from earlier estimations.

The NCRP is a project run by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Centre for Disease Informatics & Research, and the estimates are based on information related to cancer collected from 28 population-based cancer registries.

Additionally, 58 population-based cancer registries were also used to collate data. In 2020, tobacco related cancers are estimated to contribute 3.7 lakh (27.1%) of the total cancer burden.

As reported by this newspaper on this report on July 19, among women, breast cancers are estimated to contribute 2.0 lakh (14.8%) and cervix cancer are estimated to contribute 0.75 lakh (5.4%), whereas for both men and women, cancers of the gastrointestinal tract is estimated to contribute 2.7 lakh (19.7%) of the total cancer burden. The cancer incidence rate for male population ranges from 269.4 in Aizawl district — the highest in India — to 39.5 in Osmanabad and Beed district per 1 lakh population.

Similarly, the cancer incidence rate for women population ranges from 219.8 in Papumpare district to 49.4 Osmanabad & Beed district per 1 lakh population.

Cancers related to use of any form of tobacco were highest in the north-eastern region of the country and in higher proportions in men. Cancer of lung, mouth, stomach and oesophagus were the most common cancers among men. Cancer of breast and cervix uteri were the most common cancers among women.

Multimodality treatment or a varied combination of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy was administered for cancers of breast and head & neck.

After 4 months, SC collegium begins clearing judges' names

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

AFTER almost four months, the Supreme Court collegium began clearing proposals for the appointment of judges for high courts which are grappling with a 40 per cent shortage of judges.

Sources said the collegium is expected to meet again this week to take up appointments for other courts, including the top court.

Since the time lockdown was announced in March, the conventional style physical collegium meetings were stopped along with the personal interaction meetings of the judges with the collegium members, which used to be a routine step before the names get approved for an appointment at high court level. The SC collegium has approved a proposal for elevation of six advocates as judges of the Delhi HC. The collegium, in its meeting held on

August 17, recommended advocates Jasmeet Singh, Amit Bansal, Tara Vitasta Ganju, Anish Dayal, Amit Sharma and Mini Pushkarna, as judges of the high court. Similar proposals were cleared for Allahabad, Gujarat, Kerala and Patna. Though in between March and July, the collegium passed six resolutions through circulation but none of them is related to fresh elevations of lawyers as high court judges.

The sanctioned strength of the apex court is 34 but there are 31 judges, including the CJI, at present. According to the Ministry of Law and Justice, there are 388 vacancies in 25 high courts. According to sources, four names were discussed among the collegium members for appointments to the top court, including that of a woman judge and a lawyer from Madras HC. However, no consensus was reached so far.



A health worker collects a swab sample from a woman in Patna | PTI

Trial from today

The trial for the vaccine candidate by Oxford University is set to begin on Wednesday across 17 centres, including AIIMS, Delhi.

High Covid-19 testing positivity rates in Maha, Telangana, Delhi raise concerns

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

CONSIDERABLY high Covid-19 testing positivity rates (TPR) in Maharashtra, Telangana and Delhi have raised concerns that the disease is silently spreading through the population at a much more alarming rate than acknowledged by the governments, and these states are yet to reach optimal testing rates to contain the contagion.

The crucial indicator from these states also signals that the epidemic is far from being over in spite of the very high

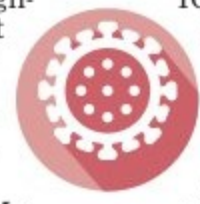
incidence of the infectious disease already.

According to the government figures, the seven-day average TPR for Telangana — at 19 per cent — is the highest in the country. It means that 19 of every 100 people being tested for the infection have been found positive over the past week.

This rate is 18.2 for Maharashtra and 16.1 for Delhi — the two other states that have seen a very high disease burden. This indicator for all other states, on the other

hand, is well below 10 per cent, while the country's overall TPR is less than 9.

Epidemiologist Dr Jammi N Rao, who has worked with the ICMR-Hyderabad in the past, said: "The reasons could be either there are a greater number of cases in the community so that, all other things being equal, more tests are correctly identifying the greater number of cases or more of the tests are now being done on people with obvious symptoms of Covid-19."



BJP says SC trashed sponsored campaign against PM-CARES, slams Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HITTING out at Rahul Gandhi, Union Law and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Tuesday said the Supreme Court, with its decision, has destroyed the campaign sponsored by the Congress leader and his party against the PM-CARES Fund.

Prasad also alleged that Gandhi had "tried to pull down" the government in its fight against

Covid-19 from day one.

"Transparency is writ large in the PM-CARES Fund. It's a public trust and its account will be audited. The Supreme Court has dismissed the petition to transfer the PM-CARES Fund to the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF)," said Prasad, while addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters.

The minister said a total of



The Modi government works with full honesty and gets the mandate of the people also for the same reason. The PM-CARES Fund is functioning with the same honesty — Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister

₹3,100 crore has been allocated to meet the challenges arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"As many as 50,000 ventilators at a cost of ₹2,000 crore have been procured from the expenses of the PM Cares Fund, while a sum of ₹1,000 crores was spent on the mi-

grants. Also, a sum of ₹100 crore has been allocated for the scientific works on the Covid-19," added Prasad.

The minister said the Opposition has not yet got one issue of corruption against the Narendra Modi government.

"The Modi government

works with full honesty and gets the mandate of the people also for the same reason. The PM-CARES Fund is functioning with the same honesty," added Prasad.

BJP chief J P Nadda also hit out at the former Congress chief, saying: "The PMNRF for decades was administered as a personal asset, and the money of the people were transferred to trusts owned by the family."

WITH POLLS IN MIND, CHOUHAN WANTS ALL GOVT JOBS FOR LOCALS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AHEAD of the crucial by-polls to 27 Assembly seats, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said his government will reserve all state government jobs to the people of the state.

"The MP government has made an important decision today. All state government jobs will be given only to the children of Madhya Pradesh. Resources of the state are meant for children of the

state," Chouhan announced.

The chief minister said the state government is in the process of making necessary legal provisions for the purpose. Three days earlier, on Independence Day, Chouhan had said his government will put in place a mechanism to ensure that local youths will have job opportunities based on their Class X and XII marks.

If Chouhan's proposal becomes law, the state will perhaps be the first in India to reserve all state government jobs

for its people.

Chouhan's proposal drew fire from the opposition Congress party. "What CM announced on Tuesday is contrary to actual reality," Congress spokesperson Abhay Dube said.

There are about 3,533 posts vacant in the state government as on March 31.

Earlier, in July 2019, former CM and Congress leader Kamal Nath had announced amendments to the state's industrial policy to reserve 70% jobs in the private sector industries for locals.



EXPRESS READ

Poll commissioner Ashok Lavasa resigns, to join ADB

New Delhi: Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa, who was next in line to succeed Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora in April next year, resigned on Tuesday to join Asian Development Bank (ADB) as its vice-president. Sources said Lavasa tendered his resignation on Tuesday. Lavasa was in the news for his dissenting opinion on the EC's ruling of complaints against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections campaign. The bureaucrat will be the second election commissioner to prematurely relinquish the post.

Foreign journalists with valid visas allowed to enter India

NEW DELHI: The government has allowed foreign journalists with valid visas to come to India along with family members, lifting travel restrictions after nearly five months.

Issuing a notification in this regard, the Ministry of Home Affairs said the decision was taken after considering the need for further relaxation of visa and travel restrictions for more categories of foreign nationals who want to travel to India.

Accordingly, in addition to the categories of foreign nationals who were already per-

mitted to enter India, it has been decided to permit foreign nationals holding Journalist (J-1) visas and their dependents holding J-1X visas to enter India, the notification dated August 17 said.

If they have J-1 or J-1X visas, which have been suspended, such visas shall stand restored with immediate effect to facilitate their entry into India. However, the Home Ministry said if the validity of such visas has expired, they may obtain fresh J-1 or J-1X visas, as the case may be, from the Indian missions or posts concerned. ENS



Ahmedabad	32	25	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	27	24	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	33	27	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	34	27	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	29	24
Srinagar	33	20	Chandigarh	32	27

UP panel on crimes against women

Will be headed by ADGP; will ensure speedy disposal of criminal cases against women, children

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

KNOWN as most unsafe for women as per the 2019 National Crime Records Bureau report, Uttar Pradesh will now have a Women and Child Safety Organization headed by an Additional Director General of Police.

The new setup will exclusively ensure speedy disposal of criminal cases against women and children besides taking care of their safety, the government said late on Monday.

In another tough administrative order to deal with rioters and recover cost of damage to property, the state government gave its go-ahead for forming claims tribunals in Lucknow and Meerut under the provi-

sions of the Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Rules, 2020. The new order will also cover cases reported during anti-Citizenship Amendment Act violence.

The orders of the tribunals will be final and no appeal would be maintainable before any court, said an official spokesperson.

The government also decided to reshuffle police officers in districts where recent incidents of crime against women

and minor girls have been reported. A separate unit will be constituted to ensure early arrest of accused, speedy investigations and regular and effective follow-up in courts.

The special unit will look after all existing helplines and organizations dealing with control of crime against women and children.

This will include regular monitoring of anti-Romeo squads and that of the women helpline. Facilities such as 1090 women powerline, Mahila Sam-

man Prakasht and Mahila Suraksha Prakasht will be merged for better monitoring.

Though there will be no new post of ADG, the officer concerned will be required to keep a close watch on all units and issue orders for prompt action in crimes related to women and children. In the case of claims tribunals, Governor Anandiben Patel had given her nod to an ordinance on March 16.

Post anti-CAA protests in December, the government had launched an exercise to recover cost for damage to properties. Huge hoardings with names and photos of the accused of property destruction were put up across the state capital, which were removed after the Allahabad HC intervention.



Police officers to be reshuffled

The Yogi Adityanath government also decided to reshuffle police officers in districts where recent incidents of crime against women and minor girls have been reported.

RAILWAYS

Local decisions on platform ticket pricing

NEW DELHI: Railways officials were asked to take 'local decisions' regarding increasing the prices of platform tickets to control overcrowding and ensuring social distancing at railway stations, Railway Board Chairman VK Yadav said on Tuesday.

"Instructions have been issued to divisional railway managers to take local decision to increase platform ticket fare to control the crowd at the stations during Covid-19 pandemic. This decision will be reviewed post the pandemic," Yadav said.

The clarification regarding the prices after Congress leader Dijvijaya Singh had hit out at the Centre for drastically increasing the prices of the platform tickets.

The railway spokesperson also clarified on the issue saying it was not new for the national transporter to increase the prices of the platform tickets to control crowds and it had been doing it earlier as well. "The objective of Pune junction pricing the platform ticket at ₹50 is to stop those who unnecessarily come to the station so that social distancing can be followed." **ENS**

Foreign secretary reaches Dhaka with Modi's message to Hasina

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Tuesday reached Dhaka for a two-day visit to Bangladesh which is aimed at enhancing ties with the neighbouring country.

The foreign secretary is likely to meet Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to deliver a 'special message' from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is Shringla's second visit to Bangladesh within five months. He had last visited Bangladesh in March.

According to local media reports, Hasina is likely to meet Shringla at her official residence after which the foreign secretary will hold talks with his Bangladeshi counterpart Masud Bin Momen and Bangladesh Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

The visit is being seen as New Delhi's attempt to check



Shringla has visited Bangladesh twice within five months | PIC: TWITTER

Dhaka's growing proximity to Beijing in the aftermath of the June 15 violent face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley in Ladakh. India, as a retaliatory measure, had banned 59 Chinese apps citing security concerns. Later, China had responded by exempting import duty on around 100 Bangladeshi products.

The trip is also being perceived as a reconciliatory measure after reports of a tiff between the Bangladesh government and the Indian High Commissioner and the alleged questions over the 'quality' of the 10 Indian locomotives given to Bangladesh.

Recently, India had described its relationship with Bangladesh as "exceptionally close".

EXPRESS READ

U'khand cops summon BJP MLA

Dehradun: The Uttarakhand Police has summoned a BJP MLA for questioning who was accused of rape by a woman. DIG, Dehradun, Arun Mohan Joshi said the police received multiple complaints from people involved from both the sides. Meanwhile Uttarakhand State Commission for Women has also sought the report in the matter by August 29.

Ops at Assam oil well in last stage

Guwahati: The operations to kill the "blowout" oil well in Assam's Baghjan was partially completed. On Monday, Oil India Limited successfully capped the well where a blowout — uncontrolled emission of natural gas — on May 27 had led to a major fire on June 9. "Final ops (pumping in mud with high pressure into the well) is under way," it said.

'With digital tech, threats to national security are real'

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THE New Indian Express reached out to members of an expert committee which had prepared a detailed report in 2017, a day after Facebook, whom the Congress has alleged of manipulating its content at the behest of BJP, reacted to the allegations.

The expert committee, headed by former Law Secretary and Lok Sabha Secretary General T K Viswanathan, was constituted by the Centre after the Supreme Court struck down the controversial Section 66A of the Information Technology Act in 2015. In its report that was submitted in 2017, the committee recommended that the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the IT Act needed to be amended to introduce strin-

gent provisions to deal with cases of hate speech and use of cyberspace to spread hatred and incitement. "While the opportunities afforded by of digital technology are enormous, the threats to public order and national security are real and continue to engage the attention of the governments because governments of the day cannot be mute spectators to harmful content propagated through the digital space creating hatred, violence and bloodshed amongst sections of the people," the report had stated.

It added that therefore, it has become necessary to map the contours of freedom of expression which will enable us to distinguish expression from advocacy and advocacy from incitement to violence both online and offline mode.

Gujarat to get high-rises like Dubai, S'pore

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

GUJARAT CM Vijay Rupani has approved construction of 70-storey buildings in the five megacities of the state.

Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot will be boasting of skyscrapers that are seen in global hubs like Singapore and Dubai. The buildings can be constructed only if the adjoining road is more than 30-meters wide. The minimum plot sizes will be 2,500 sqm and 3,500 sq ft. The maximum FSI will not be more than 5.4 in any case.

"It (buildings) will accommodate the rising population and generate more employment," Rupani said.

Bismillah Khan's home fades into memory

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE next time as you regale yourself with the timeless strains of Ustad Bismillah Khan's shehnai, do remember he had a three-storey home at Varanasi's Sarai Haraha, near Dalmandi — a home now being razed for a commercial complex.

This was the place where the Bharat Ratna recipient's shehnai rested. His favourite room was demolished on August 12.

The family of the late maestro has not been able to preserve and carry forward his legacy. Four years back, one of his grandsons sold off four of his shehnais which were later recovered by the UP Special Task Force (STF). Nazre Hassan alias Shadab was arrested for selling three silver and one



wooden shehnai with a silver base to a city jeweller for ₹17,000.

Three days before the maestro's death anniversary, all that remains of his ancestral house is a mound of rubble. The descendants of the Ustad handed the land to a builder who would build a commercial complex to financially accommodate them. There has been a 50-50 deal

between the grandsons of Bismillah Khan and the builder, known to be close to mafia don-turned-politician Muktar Ansari.

Sources close to the family said as per the deal, after the construction of the complex, half of the shops and flats would be handed over to the family while the remaining half would be owned by the builder himself.

The upper floor room of his house which the Ustad had bought in 1936 in Bhikhamshah lane in Haraha Sarai locality was demolished on August 12.

However, the youngest of Bismillah Khan's four sons, tabla player Nazim Hussain, and his foster daughter Shoma Ghosh, have come out to oppose the move. Both have urged PM

Narendra Modi, who is an MP from Varanasi, and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath to help save the heritage.

"It has come as a shock to me to know that the room of 'Baba' (Khan) was demolished and his belongings were thrown out," said Soma Ghosh. "It was not just a room, but a temple or mosque for musicians like us. It is a heritage, and I appeal to all to preserve it," she said.

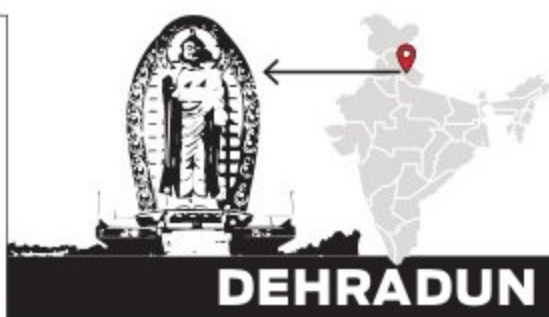
The district administration seems ignorant about the deal.

The Ustad's another grandson Afaq Haider has also objected to the demolition, saying it was a symbol of national pride. Haider says his grandfather led his life in penury, but preferred to die in his own land rather than accept offers to lead a comfortable life abroad.



Adventure race show featuring Everest Twins

The much-anticipated show 'World's Toughest Race: Eco Challenge Fiji' which was premiered on Amazon Prime Video has a Doon connection. The adventure reality show hosted by Bear Grylls features Doon-based 'Everest twins' Nungshi and Tashi Malik. The twins took part in the 11-day expedition which has been developed into a 10-episode series. The expedition saw 66 teams from 30 countries bringing together 330 competitors. Interestingly, they became the first and only South Asians to participate in this global adventure race. The twins happen to be the first siblings and twins to climb the Seven Summits and reach the North and South Poles as well as complete the Adventurers Grand Slam and Three Poles Challenge.



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DEHRADUN DIARY

SC/ST scholarship funds worth crores siphoned off

A two-year HC-monitored probe has revealed how hundreds of private and government-aided colleges went to great lengths to forge Aadhaar cards and pass off minors, labourers and rickshaw pullers as students to siphon off crores meant as scholarship funds for SC/ST students. The suspected list of the scam include high-profile names such as son of an Uttarakhand BJP MLA who owns one of the colleges allegedly involved. The social welfare department of Uttarakhand between 2011-12 and 2016-17 before the scam was uncovered released over ₹7,200 crore as scholarship money for SC/ST students of the state. Under the scholarship, a student was reimbursed 50% to 90% of the tuition fee which was deposited in their bank accounts in instalments.

3D gallery, library to come up at Corbett

The Corbett Foundation has allocated ₹35 lakh for the setting up of a 3D gallery and state-of-the-art digital library in the reserve. The gallery and the digital library will come up at the reception centre of the CTR in Kotdwar for those who enter the reserve from the Pakhro gate. The officials said that the move will bolster the influx of tourists through innovative approaches and help generate livelihood options for the local youth of Pauri. Rahul, director of the CTR said that the recreational centre would help the youngsters and those curious to get into the profession related to wildlife.



State to develop Ramayana circuit

In an effort to encourage tourist arrivals in Uttarakhand, the state tourism development corporation is planning to make a 'Ramayana' circuit featuring the holy places connected with the epic. The state tourism development corporation, in this regard, is drafting a proposal. Under the initiative, officials are planning to bring holy sites associated with the revered scriptures and build them in accordance with touristic taste and facilities. The officials said that they have identified some holy sites and temples in the state which are linked with Ramayana and Mahabharata.

First night of the virtual Democratic Convention also saw ex-Republicans rally behind Biden

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RBI unveils framework for retail payments

The central bank has invited applications from eligible companies by February 26, 2021 for setting up a umbrella entity

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday released a framework for setting up of new umbrella entity for retail payments in the country including net and Aadhar-based payments and remittances as well as ATMs and point of sale payment services.

Currently, only the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), a not-for-profit company, performs this role. Officials said the RBI's move is a bid to reduce the risk of having just one player handling such a vast area of finance. Besides, the

central banker is worried that this could lead to monopolistic behaviour.

The central bank, on its part, said that it was inviting interested parties to bid to form the new umbrella entity by February, next year. The major difference with NPCI is that the new entity "may be a 'for-profit' or a Section 8 company as may be decided by it", according to the RBI's statement.

The entity will have to have a minimum paid-up capital of ₹500 crore and no single promoter group will be allowed have more than 40 per cent stake in the new payments en-



Any investor with 25 per cent or more investment will be considered as a promoter. Applicants must also have at least three years of experience in the payments ecosystem.

"The promoter / promoter group shareholding can be

New entity will challenge monopoly of NPCI

The new umbrella entity assumes significance as it will challenge the monopoly of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), with the central bank now looking to reduce concentration risks in vast area of finance.

diluted to a minimum of 25 per cent after five years of the commencement of business of the umbrella entity and a minimum net worth of ₹300 crore shall be maintained at all times", the banking regulator added.

Besides, the new entity will have to abide by corporate governance norms along with 'fit and proper' criteria for persons to be appointed on its board. The regulator can nominate a member to the board and will also have the right to approve appointment of directors as it does in the case of banks.

The RBI also said the new umbrella entity "is expected to interact and be interoperable, to the extent possible, with the systems operated by NPCI." The new entity may also be permitted to participate in the Reserve Bank's payment and settlement systems

SLOW GROWTH

Domestic expenditure growth slowed from 8.8 per cent in Q2 FY19 to 6.4 per cent in Q2 FY20, while exports slumped from growth of 15.8 per cent in Q3 FY19 to a contraction of 6.1 per cent in Q3 FY2018. Slowing domestic consumption and exports led to a fall in industrial output and capacity utilisation, PwC said.



India is staring at another recession

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's economy, which is headed for a recession for the first time since 1979, is witnessing patchy revival despite the country relaxing pandemic-related lockdowns.

Even as a Covid-19 vaccine may come to the market, delivering it to a population of 1.25 billion in India will take time, a PwC study 'Full Potential Revival & Growth - Charting India's medium term journey', noted, adding the health situation remains dynamic, creating "a direct shock to the economy resulting in a recession."

Across the 730 districts, particularly within the lower income strata, discretionary spending is low at 30 per cent on average, the report said. Most of the stimulus given by the Centre in the form of free rations and money handouts to farmers have been targeted at this segment. However, in about 100 districts which are largely near metros and urban areas, where discretionary spending is higher at 45 per cent, the covid-19 cases are far more. Some 77 per cent of

the total cases are from these areas.

"The worrying spread of the pandemic and re-run of lockdowns is playing havoc with rate of demand revival in the second quarter of the year, though we expect the economy to contract by far less in these months compared to the initial April-June quarter when there was a stricter pan-India lockdown," said Prof Biswajit Dhar of JNU.

The International Monetary Fund has pegged the economy to grow by 4.5 per cent even as many economists believe the contraction could be higher in the range of 5-10 per cent.

According to the report, employment recovery will be a key measure of success in growth. Although unemployment has recovered from the high of 24 per cent, it is still untenable at 11 per cent.

Dhar says, "The problem is that with low demand coupled with little fresh investment, most units are not functioning at full strength... which means unemployment is not coming down as fast as we would like it to."

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MEAGRE AMOUNT

The investments made by People's Bank of China in ICICI is very negligible and is seen as a routine exercise by cash-rich entities

LOBBYs WORRIED

Strongly criticising ICICI Bank for allowing Chinese investment, CAIT said the Centre should devise a policy to protect banking sector



People's Bank of China picks up minor stake in ICICI bank for ₹15 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE People's Bank of China (PBoC) has picked up a minor 0.006 per cent stake in ICICI Bank by investing ₹15 crore in its recently concluded ₹15,000 crore qualified institutional placement (QIP).

Even as the investment made by PBoC is too small to worry about, it comes at a time when relationship between the two Asian nations have worsened since the Galwan valley border stand off. India has already made efforts to curb Chinese investment and takeover of domestic companies besides banning dozens of apps.

According to reports, the Chinese central bank was among the 357 institutional investors that subscribed to the issue. According to regulatory filings, the prominent investors in ICICI's QIP are Government of Singapore, Morgan Investment and Societe Generale.

Interestingly, this is not the first time when the Chinese bank's investment in an

Indian lender has raised eyebrows. People's Bank of China has got a lot of flak when it increased its stake in India's largest mortgage lender HDFC to over 1 per cent when earlier in March this year. A few trade bodies had then alleged that the investment was a part of bigger design by China.

The central government, too, had then revised India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy which said that investments from China will now require a clearance from the Centre. Later in June, it the Chinese bank reportedly sold its stake in HDFC.

"The investments made by People's Bank of China in ICICI and HDFC is very negligible. It is a routine exercise by cash-rich financial entities to diversify their fund," said a senior banking official requesting anonymity.

Traders' body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) strongly criticised the move stating that China has designed a well-planned strategy to make an intrusion into the Indian banking sector.

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MUKESH Ambani-led Reliance Jio on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that it has already paid up AGR liabilities that arise from its spectrum sharing deal with bankrupt Reliance Communications (RCom). RJio, its counsel submitted, was also ready to meet any such liability in case the court found that there was a shortage.

The SC bench of Justices Arun Mishra, S Abdul Nazeer and MR Shah had sought the Centre's view on Monday on why RJio, which shares spectrum with RCom since 2016, should not pay taxes on revenues it earns from the shared spectrum.

On Tuesday, senior advocate Harish Salve, representing RJio and RCom's Committee of Creditors (CoC) told the bench

RCom DUES

■ RCom owes about ₹31,000 crore in AGR dues, pegs DoT

■ RJio has "been paying" statutory dues on revenue earned from the spectrum it shares with RCom

that RJio has "been paying" statutory dues on revenue earned from the spectrum it shares with RCom—around 30 per cent of RCom's total spectrum assets. However, Salve ruled out any possibility of RJio paying duties on revenues earned by RCom through the spectrum assets.

According to the Department of Telecom (DoT), RCom owes around Rs 31,000 crore in AGR dues. The bankrupt company's proposed resolution plan will see UV Asset Reconstruction

EXPRESS READ

Toyota launches new mobility service in India

New Delhi: Japanese carmaker Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Tuesday announced the launch of its all-new car leasing & subscription program in India through a new vertical, Toyota's Mobility Service (TMS) that will also spearhead TKM's future mobility initiatives in India. TMS will initially provide this services in cities like Delhi-NCR, Bangalore and Mumbai and gradually expand it to ten more cities.

BPCL to commission a ₹80 cr plant in TN

Chennai: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd would shortly be commissioning its new bottling plant in Tamil Nadu aimed to serve the southern districts, a company official said on Tuesday. The plant would have an annual capacity of 45 metric tonnes, around 12,000 cylinders per day. According to the official, the total project cost would be ₹80 crore and the facility would generate around 100 jobs.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price

₹55.6

Target Price

₹66



TATA POWER

TPWR's results reflect the benefit of asset monetization plans and better WC management as net debt (excl. restricted cash at CESU) declined to INR444b (from INR471b in FY20) despite the current COVID-19 environment. We expect EPS to increase at a 9-10% CAGR over FY20-23.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Power output rises for first time in 5 months

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FOR the first time since the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdowns brought power demand crashing down late March, power output in India registered a growth during the first fortnight of August.

According to provisional power output data released by state-run POSOCO's National Load Despatch Centre, the amount of energy met by India's power generation system between August 1-15 stood at 54,990 million units (MU)—around 1.6 per cent higher than the 54,092 MU generated during the same period of the previous year.

A 1.6 per cent growth may not seem like much, but compared to the output recorded over the past five month, the shift into positive territory shows that the economy is steadily clawing its way back to where it was before the pandemic hit.

After having most of industrial power demand taken out

of the picture in April, the subsequent unlocking exercise carried out by the government has resulted in a steady improvement. After recording a 14.3 per cent fall in May, the gap between the previous

year's level and the post-pandemic reality has narrowed — to a 9.9 per cent decline in June and a 1.8 per cent decline in July.

According to Fitch Ratings, India's power demand is likely to fall by around 4 per cent in the current financial year (2020-21), compared to a flat demand trajectory seen over the previous two fiscals (FY19 and FY20).

"Power demand fell by 16 per cent year-on-year during April-June 2020. The lower demand mostly affected coal-fired plants, with plant load factors declining by 10 percentage points yoy to 52 per cent in the first half of 2020, while the must-run status of renewable power generation limited offtake curtailment," the agency noted.



Going forward, thermal plant load factors to return closer to FY20 levels in the next financial year with demand back in the pre-pandemic range but with lower capacity additions"

Fitch Ratings

GO DIGITAL

City Union Bank rolls out video-KYC

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender City Union Bank has announced that launch of video-KYC facility for its customers. As part of this new feature, customers can open a savings account digitally through video interaction.

"The prospective customers who wish to open account with our bank have to download the "CUB Easy" App from their android phones and can open Account instantly using their PAN and Aadhaar," the bank said in a statement.

It added that bank officials will verify the KYC details of customers through video, after which the account will be made fully operational.

Earlier, to open a bank account, customers had to either go to a branch to fill up forms or have an agent visit their home to collect documents and signatures. In some cases a basic bank account could be opened online through Aadhaar, but for full-service accounts, physical paper documentation was mandatory. Since January, the RBI has permitted digital account opening via video KYC process. However, the launch of video KYC got delayed by banks due to the Covid-19 pandemic-induced lockdowns.

Vistara to fly DEL-London thrice a week from Aug 28

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

VISTARA, a joint venture of Tata group and Singapore Airlines, will operate special, non-stop flights between Delhi and London Heathrow from August 28 to September 30, 2020, marking its foray in long-haul international operations. The flights have been introduced as part of the bilateral "transport bubble" formed between India and the UK. Vistara is also seeking necessary regulatory approvals to soon operate similar special flights to Paris, France

and Frankfurt, Germany.

The airline will deploy its brand-new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft on the route. The airline also received its second Dreamliner aircraft recently, further strengthening its fleet to operate more such long-haul flights and expand its international operations.

During the period, Vistara will fly thrice a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The one way fares from Delhi to London start from ₹29,912 for economy class, and ₹77,373 for business class.

Sanitaryware firm Roca aims to double business in India

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

SANITARYWARE and bathroom products maker, Roca aims to double its revenue in the next five years in India. To achieve the target, the Spanish company has chalked out a long-term plan and on a priority basis and it will also be focusing on increasing its exports from India, said KE Ranganathan, managing director, ROCA Bathroom Products.

"Presently, Roca Group worldwide procures only three per cent of production made in India for global markets. This is expected to touch 10 per cent

level in 3-4 years," Ranganathan said. "Our global customers are keenly looking at increasing their sourcing from India, given the Covid-19 fallout. Also, with cost competitiveness and high quality products, we are well poised to ramp up exports in the year ahead. Our 8 Indian factories make sanitaryware, plastics and faucets for bathrooms meeting global standards," he added.

Roca exports to countries like USA, Australia, Europe, South Africa, South America, and Malaysia. The company aims to increase its market share with deeper penetration



in rural markets, expansion of showrooms and increase brand visibility through TVC.

"We see the demand rising in the year 2021 onwards, post Covid rebound. We continue to

invest heavily on expansion of our manufacturing units, acquisitions of facilities including greenfield and innovations of products," he said. Currently Roca has over

30 per cent market share in the organised sanitaryware segment market in the country.

The company claimed that the market is recovering at a faster rate and they expect to reach their pre-covid levels by September. Innovative product launches like e-taps or foot-operated taps and electronic flushing urinals for public places, designed specifically to cater to the needs of customers during the pandemic has helped the company in attracting customers. "We are confident of returning back to growth in revenues by Oct-Nov period," Ranganathan said.

UNEMPLOYMENT

ILO-ADB study pegs youth job losses at 41 L due to Covid-19

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AT LEAST 41 lakh youth in the country lost jobs due to the Covid-19 pandemic while construction and farm sector workers account for the majority of job losses, according to a joint report by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), released Tuesday.

According to the report, employment prospects for youth in Asia and the Pacific are severely challenged due to the pandemic. Youth (15-24 years) will be hit harder than adults (25 and older) in the immediate crisis and risk-bearing higher longer-term economic and social costs, the report added.

It further noted that in India, two-thirds of firm-level apprenticeships and three quarters of internships were completely interrupted during the pandemic. The report calls on governments to adopt urgent and targeted measures to generate jobs for the youth, keeping education and training on track, and to minimise future scarring of more than 660 million young people.

Even before the COVID-19 crisis, youth in Asia and the Pacific faced challenges in the labour market. In 2019, the regional youth unemployment rate was 13.8 per cent, compared to three per cent for adults; and more than 160 million youth (24 per cent of the population) were not in employment, or education. "The pre-crisis challenges for youth are now amplified since Covid-19 hit. Without sufficient attention, our fear is that this risks creating a 'lockdown generation' that could feel the weight of this crisis for many years to come," said Sara Elder, head of the ILO Regional Economic and Social Analysis unit.



Barcelona have sacked Quique Setien as coach, the club confirmed on Monday, with Ronald Koeman the frontrunner to be his replacement. His exit was finalised during an emergency board meeting at Camp Nou. Barca have also sacked Eric Abidal as sporting director.

Dream 11 reality satisfactory

BCCI okay with new IPL title sponsorship deal despite 50 per cent revenue loss

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A loss of almost 50 per cent. That's what Dream 11's IPL title sponsorship deal means to BCCI. Instead of ₹440 crore for a year from Vivo, the tournament will receive ₹222 crore from the fantasy gaming company for the 2020 edition. Dream 11 was the highest bidder. Each franchise will get around ₹13.87 crore, another 50 per cent drop from the ₹27.5 crore they used to get from the Vivo deal.

Even though revenue getting reduced by half sounds bad, BCCI and the franchises are not too disturbed, given that this arrangement is for this year only. According to statements made earlier, Vivo will be back in 2021 for two or three more years, with the old purse of ₹440 crore per year, to fulfil its five-year commitment of ₹2199 crore. And as long as the Star broadcast deal is in place, BCCI and the eight franchises are insured from major losses.

"A loss is a loss, whichever way you look at it. But given the short time we had to find a new title sponsor and the global economic situation following the pandemic, this is satisfactory. And this is for just one season. So under the circumstances, I would say we have got a good deal," IPL Governing Council chairman Brijesh Patel said on Tuesday.

Much of this 'not that bad'

DREAM 11 VS MY 11?

Is there any clash of interest in Dream 11's association with IPL? BCCI president Sourav Ganguly is a brand ambassador of fantasy gaming company My 11 Circle. It is a direct rival of Dream 11, which deals with a similar product. Dream 11 was associated with IPL as a co-sponsor in the past also when Ganguly's involvement with My 11 Circle was questioned. Neither Ganguly nor BCCI found this association questionable. However, Dream 11 as title sponsor of BCCI's flagship event and the BCCI chief endorsing My 11 Circle may still look odd.

feeling comes from the money assured from Star. Following the five-year media rights deal worth ₹16,347.5 crore, the IPL is assured of ₹3269 crore per year. The BCCI gets half of it and each franchise gets nearly ₹204 crore from the other half.

This helps them take the loss from title sponsorship in stride. "We would have liked this figure to be on a higher side. But considering the current environment and situation, this is the best that could have been done in the time that we had in our hands. For everybody, there was very little time to plan. But then, this is for one year. Given that IPL is a popular event, we expect this amount to rise in the coming years," felt BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal.



5 Khel Ratna, 29 Arjuna: Nomination numbers defy tradition

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

IN an unprecedented move, five sportspersons were nominated for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, while a whopping 29 were recommended for Arjuna, by the awards selection committee on Tuesday. Cricketer Rohit Sharma, wrestler Vinesh Phogat, women's hockey captain Rani Rampal, table tennis player Manika Batra and Paralympian T Mariyappan were recommended for Khel Ratna, the highest sporting honour of the country.

In 2009 and 2016, three and four were chosen for Khel Rat-

na, respectively. Normally, it is given to one or two. The decision of the committee to entertain so many names in a year without any major event like the Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games might set a bad precedent, with online self nominations set to be continued. Numbers might swell further in an Olympic year.

The 12-member committee, which met at SAI headquarters, took two days to sieve through over 400 applications before zeroing in on these names. The sports



minister has the discretion to choose the final list of awardees, which will be announced on August 29, the National Sports Day. In another first, the awards ceremony will be a virtual affair. "It will be an online event, with names being announced in the morning," a ministry source informed.

Bowler Ishant Sharma, archer Atanu Das, sprinter Dutee Chand, boxers Manish Kaushik and Lovlina Borgohain, shooters Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaud-

hary, kabaddi player Deepak Hooda, tennis player Divij Sharan, badminton doubles specialists Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and wrestler Sakshi Malik are among the 29 in fray for Arjuna. Incidentally, Sakshi and Mirabai have already won the Khel Ratna. The number of Arjuna awards increases due to the sports ministry's decision to promote indigenous sports like kho-kho and mallakhamb.

If he gets it, Rohit will become only the fourth cricketer to win Khel Ratna after Sachin Tendulkar, MS

Dhoni and Virat Kohli. The India vice-captain made most runs in ODIs last year. Grappler Vinesh made a great comeback since her Rio heartbreak, with gold medals in the 2018 Commonwealth and Asian Games, other than bronze in the 2019 World Championships.

Manika had a successful 2018 and won CWG gold and Asiatic bronze. Mariyappan got the nod for his gold medal in the 2016 Rio Paralympics, in T42 high jump. Rani was a late inclusion and became only the third hockey player and first female hockey player to be recommended for the award.

Hotshots versus Upstarts

Treble-chasing Bayern Munich will face a tricky test against Lyon in the second semifinal of the Champions League. Talking points...

MEN TO WATCH

Bayern's Robert Lewandowski is the competition's top scorer with 14 goals — three shy of Cristiano Ronaldo's 2013-14 record. He'll be determined to increase his tally. For Lyon, Houssine Aouar (No 8) has been vital. Moussa Dembele stole the headlines against Manchester City with a double, but it was Aouar who had a hand in both.



LIVE ON SONY TEN 2 @ 12:30 AM

BIG TEST FOR LYON

By eliminating wealthier rivals to surprisingly reach semis, Lyon have followed Ajax last year as an uplifting story for football's most prized club competition. But the French club will be up against a side that will be bookies' favourite to go all the way. Bayern have looked a different side this term and certainly goal hungry. Averaging 4.33 goals per game, a competition record, they will be hard to stop.

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

@ Chennai

THE senior women's hockey team could be going abroad in search of friendly matches with other nations. With the pandemic showing no signs of stopping, inviting sides to India may not be practical for sometime yet. But with the Olympics less than a year away, coach Sjoerd Marijne is hoping the Sports Authority of India (SAI) gives them permission. Excerpts:

The players returned to doing some outdoor activity

from Monday. What are the next 10 days going to be like?

The most important thing is the health of the players, you cannot underestimate the physical aspect of it. When you have gone without hockey sessions for two months, you cannot directly jump in, you have to be careful. We will take it step by step.

Have you considered the prospect of inviting other nations to India for friendlies? That's my hope... everybody is

seeing what's happening around the world. But is it necessary to play practice matches with the Olympics coming up? Yes, it is crucial.

What about going abroad? Absolutely... we would love to. If we can play matches at this time, it will be a bonus. We are looking for that option. We are busy with that. But I cannot tell where because I don't know if I can. You of course can ask that question but I'm going to be on the safe side and not tell where.



Full interview: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Bengaluru FC to play home matches in Fatorda

BENGALURU: With the entire Indian Super League 2020-21 season scheduled in Goa, Bengaluru FC will play its 'home' matches at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, in Fatorda. BFC will play 11 games at the venue, including home games against each of the other nine sides and 'away' clashes against ATK Mohun Bagan and FC Goa.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical Works), Madurai - 625 002.
Notice Inviting Tenders (Lumpsum Contract / Pre qualification Tender) (Two Cover System)
Tender Notice No.: 055E/BCCM/MW/2020-2021/Dated : 18.08.2020

For and on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu sealed Tenders are invited from the contractors registered in Public Works Department in the appropriate class to the office of Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical Works), Madurai upto 3.00 PM on 25.09.2020. Received tender will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the contractor or his authorized representatives who choose to be present at the time. The tender schedule can also be available in office at 20.08.2020 to 24.08.2020 upto 5.45 PM.

PACKAGE No. : 2 (KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT - (3) Slices)
Construction of Certain Buildings and improvements works to Lecture Halls in Government Kanyakumari Medical College and Hospital at Asarpallam in Kanyakumari District.
Slice No.1: Construction of Medical Record Department (MRD) and Seminar hall over existing O.P Block in Government Kanyakumari Medical College and Hospital at Asarpallam.
Slice No.2: Construction of Lecture hall for 250 students, Improvement works to existing 3 x 120 Lecture hall, 250 lecture hall and 150 Lecture hall in Government Kanyakumari Medical College and Hospital at Asarpallam.
Slice No.3: Construction of 2 (Two) Operation Theatres and 32 bedded ward in Government Kanyakumari Medical College and Hospital at Asarpallam.
Package No. 2 : Total value of Slices Rs. 994.40 Lakhs

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tenders.gov.in.
Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) circle (Medical Works) Madurai.
DIPR/ 3106 /TENDER/2020

E1-19164/17 18/08/2020

KANNUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Invites e-tender for
Construction of 1 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant, Sewerage Networks & Pumping Stations,
Tender Value: Rs 16,39,83,942/-
Last Date: 09/09/2020 Contact: 9061218717
Details can be downloaded (<https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>)

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Kannur Municipal Corporation

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
KUNDAPURA DIVISION, KUNDAPURA
No.C2.CR/88/Timber Auction/20-21 Date: 12.08.2020
KARNATAKA FOREST CODE, 1976
APPENDIX XVIII A (Rule 64)

Detailed Notification for e-Tender cum Auction of Timber in Hardali-Mandalli depot of Kundapura Division, Kundapura
It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that, the following kinds and quantity of timber and other forest produce stocked and lotted in the Hardali-Mandalli Government Timber Depot of Kundapura Division will be sold through the public e-tender cum auction method in one or more sessions on Hardali-Mandalli 31.08.2020 from 4.00 P.M till the bidding for all lots is completed. The Sale Conducting Officer will be the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.

For any clarifications, you can contact:
The Depot Officer, Govt. Timber Depot, Hardali-Mandalli of Kundapura Division. OR Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division.
Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura
DIPR/ADUMCA/267/20-21 Dt.18.8.20

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(GERUSOPPA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:KPC/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT10295 Dated: 13.08.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement portal)

Bids in two covers are invited through "e" Procurement Portal Website URL: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for the work of "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 02 Nos of New 1.5 TR Split AC Unit to office complex of Gerusoppa Project" from reputed/qualified bidders/Regular Manufacturer/Authorised Agency with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works including Supply of necessary materials to reputed Organizations/ Company/ Hydro Generating Stations/ Power Plants. Brief Bid Notification as well as tender documents can also be seen on Website: <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> EMD: Rs.3250/-.

Tender processing fees is as per e-Procurement Portal. Last date & Time for Pre-Bid queries: 24.08.2020 upto 17:00 Hrs. Pre Bid meeting: 26.08.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. Last date & Time for online submission of tenders: 29.08.2020 upto 16:00 Hrs. Date & Time of opening the Technical Bid (Part-I): 31.08.2020 at 16:30 Hrs. Date & Time of opening the Financial Bid (Part-II): 01.09.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. Further details can be had from The Executive Engineer (MM) GP, KPC, Gerusoppa-581384, Honavar Tq., UK Dist, Karnataka State. Tel: 08387-268311. Mobile: 94495 98828. Fax: 08387-268350. Email: eeegp2.kpcl@gmail.com / eeemgpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in Web: www.karnatakakpc.com Contact HP Helpdesk: 080-22485867/080-22485927.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE NO.03/2020

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc Scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap, Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No.	e-auction conducted by	Date of auction for the Month of September 2020
1.	Dy. CMM/GSD/PER	03.09.2020 — 17.09.2020
2.	Dy. CMM/CSSD/GOC	01.09.2020 — 15.09.2020
3.	Dy. CMM/SSD/PTJ	07.09.2020 — 21.09.2020
4.	Sr. DMM/MAS	08.09.2020 — 22.09.2020
5.	Sr. DMM/TVG	— 29.09.2020
6.	Sr. DMM/TPV (for PGT Divn.)	— 30.09.2020
7.	Sr. DMM/TPJ	14.09.2020 — —
8.	Sr. DMM/TPJ (for MDU Divn.)	10.09.2020 — 23.09.2020
9.	Sr. DMM/SA	11.09.2020 — 25.09.2020

Materials for auction : The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in website. For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue, please visit our website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in>—E-Auction—Sale—Live Auctions.

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No: KSTDC/Admn/10/2020-21 Date 18.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (KSTDC), Bengaluru intends to invite tender from interested, eligible firms for the following service.

Description: Tender for implementation of Group Medical Insurance for KSTDC Employees. EMD: Rs.1,00,000/-. Last date & time for Bid submission: 19.09.2020 at 17.30 Hrs.

The detailed Tender documents can be obtained/ downloaded from e-procurement portal i.e. <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. For any further clarifications contact: 080 43344353. e-Mail support: est@karnatakaholidays.net

Sd/- Managing Director/Tender Inviting Authority, KSTDC

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

Tender No.: BDA/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT-1434 Dated: 17.08.2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDERS

BDA invites short-term tenders for Annual Maintenance of Distribution transformer centres, High tension/Low tension lines, electrical distribution system, Streetlight fittings & accessories at Banashankari 6th Stage 1st to 11th Block including F.E. 4th B, 4th H & 4th T for the year of 2020-21. (work Reserved for ST Category only)

Calendar of Events: (1) Period of Downloading the Tender Document from: 17.08.2020, 11.00 hrs. (2) Last date & time of submission by uploading the filled tender document : 31.08.2020, 17.00 hrs. (3) Date & time of opening the tenders (Technical & Financial bid): 02.09.2020, 17.00 hrs.

For more details please refer e-Procurement portal website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec.), BDA, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumarakrupa West, Bengaluru. Contact No.: +919845630164.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.), BDA, Electrical Division, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/TN/14/2020-21

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in

GURU HARGOBIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABBAT
Tender Enquiry No. 532/EMC/Prot-198/Vol-VIII dated 17.08.2020

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance of 220KV & 66KV C&R Panels. DRs, SER, GPS, GRP, GCDP, static and digital AVR, RTCC Panels, Protection System installed on 6.6KV & 415V switchgear and other panels including meters. VFDs. 6.6KV bus transfer system, fire detection and alarm system, Telephone Exchanges and public Address system installed in plant and power colony for 2X210MW Stage-I and 2X250MW Stage-II GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, District: Bathinda, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year on lump-sum basis.

Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 1,80,000/-
Last Date & Time for bid submission: 21.09.2020 upto 11:30 hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Fee stage bid: 25.09.2020 at 12:00 hrs.
Tender Specification can only be downloaded from e-tendering website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: 1) The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specifications from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender information may be sought from IVs GEPNIC contact no. 91-(120)-4001002/5.

2) It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. <http://www.pspcl.in>.

GHTP-40/335/18.08.2020
DPR/1/65032/2020

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PSPCL, Lehra Mohabbat,
Ph.No. 0164-2756427

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PRESS NOTIFICATION

Tender No.	Description of Items	Quantity	Display & download of Tender	Last Date & Time for submission of offer	EMD (₹)
1) Tender No. NMDC/Kirandul/122/21-ET/375 Purchase Indent # 035124 dt. 05.06.2020	Procurement of HT Induction Main Motor of MG Set suitable for use with BEML 182M Electric Rope shovel at NMDC Limited Kirandul Complex, Dist. Dantewada (C.G.)	As per Tender document available in MSTC website. (01 Item)	19-08-2020 To 18-09-2020	18-09-2020 - 03:00 PM (IST)	₹ 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only)
2) Tender No. NMDC/Kirandul/130/20-ET/397 Purchase Indent # 554306 dt. 24.04.2020	Procurement of HT Cables at NMDC Limited Kirandul Complex, Dist. Dantewada (C.G.)	As per Tender document available in MSTC website. (02 Items)	19-08-2020 To 18-09-2020	18-09-2020 - 03:00 PM (IST)	₹ 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only)
3) Tender No. NMDC/Kirandul/124/20-ET/383 Purchase Indent # 107228 dt. 21.06.2020	Procurement of * 250KW & 190KW Slip ring Induction HT Motor at NMDC Limited Kirandul Complex, Dist. Dantewada (C.G.)	As per Tender document available in MSTC website. (02 Items)	19-08-2020 To 18-09-2020	18-09-2020 - 03:00 PM (IST)	₹ 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only)
4) Tender No. NMDC/Kirandul/123/20-ET/382 Purchase Indent # 03F052 dt. 30.06.2020	Procurement of New Rear bucket for Hitachi Hydraulic Excavator EX-1900 at NMDC Limited Kirandul Complex, Dist. Dantewada (C.G.)	As per Tender document available in MSTC website. (01 Item)	19-08-2020 To 18-09-2020	18-09-2020 - 03:00 PM (IST)	₹ 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only)

The complete tender document can be viewed and/or downloaded from MSTC portal http://www.mstccommerce.com/eproc/home/nmdbc/buyer_login.jsp and NMDC LTD.'s website link <http://www.nmdc.co.in/> under tender section and Central Public Procurement (CPP) site www.eprocure.gov.in from 19-08-2020 to 18-09-2020.
Contact details :- 07857-255234, 9109197722, 9685471989, 9685470525
E-mail: kvprakash@nmdc.co.in; sanjay_kumar@nmdc.co.in; ssawariya@nmdc.co.in
The INTERESTED BIDDERS SHOULD DOWNLOAD THE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE OFFER THROUGH MSTC PORTAL ONLY WITHIN THE DUE DATE AS MENTIONED ABOVE.
Note:- Any addendum/corrigendum/bid clarifications/time extension shall be issued on the MSTC website only. No separate press notification shall be issued.
Dy. General Manager (Materials)

Government of Karnataka
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(Autonomous Medical Institution)
(Hospital) Phone No:0831-2420320 (College) Phone No: 0831-2421464. (Hospital) Fax No: 0831-2420173 (College) Phone No: 0831-2403126. Website: WWW.bimsbelgaum.org
E-Mail: belgaum.bims@gmail.com

No. BIMS/Tender/GNL/CR/2 / 2020-21 Date: 17/08/2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi hereby invites tenders under e-tendering system from Registered Manpower Agencies for providing various categories of Employees, Security and Non Clinical Employees on Outsourcing basis for one (1) year and supply of Diet items on daily basis for one (1) year from Registered Co-Op. Societies and Distributors/Authorised agents as per K.T.P.P. Rules 1999 & 2000 as under:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification	Description of Tender	TENDER VALUE (APPROXIMATE) (RS. IN CRORES)	Downloading of Tender Document
1	BIMS/Tend/Man Power/cr-04/2020-21	Various categories of manpower Services	Rs. 400.00 Lakhs	18/08/2020
2	BIMS/Tend/Non-Clinical/cr-02/2020-21	Non-Clinical Services	Rs. 425.00 Lakhs	
3	BIMS/Tend/Security/cr-03/2020-21	Various categories of Security Services	Rs. 140.00 Lakhs	
4	BIMS/Hosp/Sup-III/ Tend/Diet/cr-03 /2020-21	Diet Items For Kitchen	Rs. 25.00 Lakhs	

The Tenderers Registered under e-procurement Portal can refer Government of Karnataka e-Portal website <https://www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in> and this office website: www.bimsbelgaum.org to get the information about the tender & the amount to be paid towards EMD & Security Deposit or can contact the Director BIMS Belagavi Office in the working hours.

Tender inviting authority has got powers to cancel any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-Director,
Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-415/MCA/2020-21

EXFILE

VIRTUAL ISSUES

As the school year gets underway in US, many students find themselves attending online classes via Zoom or similar teleconferencing platforms. Although sticking with remote instruction may be the correct decision it is not without problems, says researcher Tabitha Moses.

INCREASED ANXIETY AND STRESS LEVELS FOR STUDENTS

Online, students are often expected by their teachers to look at the screen for the entire class and stay focused on the video feeds of their classmates. This can result in feelings of prolonged eye contact, which can feel threatening and uncomfortable. Feeling as though everyone is watching can be distracting as students focus on how they may appear to others.

BEWARE OF ZOOM FATIGUE

While "Zoom fatigue" may sound no different than regular fatigue, science suggests that it is different and that constant video engagement may exacerbate the problem. Most of us learn much from nonverbal cues. The face-only format of online video still results in missing many nonverbal cues such as hand gestures, and requires people to work harder to interpret the ones they can see. When there are many faces on the screen, most people try to pay attention to all of them – a type of multitasking called continuous partial attention. People have trouble doing this. Switching quickly between tasks can impair memory and decrease the ability to perform tasks.

COMPETING OBLIGATIONS

While it would be ideal for all students to sit at home in a quiet room free of distractions during online classes, this won't always be the case. Students across all stages of education may be responsible for taking care of other family members or even their own children. These responsibilities may be distracting for others and embarrassing to the students involved.

FINANCIAL MEANS AND OTHER KINDS OF ACCESS

Requiring students to use video during class makes assumptions about the ability of students or their families to pay for the requisite technology. Approximately 1 in 5 students live below the federal poverty line and lack access to the technology needed for online classes – from computers or tablets to Wi-Fi.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

At school, students are not required to disclose details about their personal lives to their peers, but some of this privacy is lost in video-based classrooms. To turn on video means allowing others into their home. Many of these online platforms are not secure – as evidenced by the "Zoombombers" who have infiltrated classes, often sharing participants' personal information.

TO BE NOTED

This discussion has also not touched on the situations that teachers face. Many educators struggle without a way to see and engage with their students regularly and have tried to use video for this purpose.

STUDY: TABITHA MOSES MD/PHD CANDIDATE, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. PHOTO: JULIA M CAMERON FROM PEXELS

Using a built-in sensor, your smartphone can soon tell when you've had too much to drink by detecting changes in the way you walk, reveal researchers.

Samsung said it will offer extended software upgrades for its Galaxy smartphones for up to three device generations as the company aims to improve its after-sales support.

Long 'lost' elephant shrew found in Horn of Africa

The Somali sengi had been lost to science since the 1970s, leaving just 9 preserved specimens in the world's natural history museums as the only physical evidence that the creature ever existed

SURVIVAL INSTINCT

PARIS: For half a century scientists feared that the Somali elephant shrew had vanished from the face of the Earth. No one had seen so much as a whisker. But the tiny mammal with its probing trunk-like nose was quietly thriving in the arid, rocky landscape of the Horn of Africa, researchers said Tuesday.

The elusive, insect-eating creature is neither an elephant nor a shrew. It is a sengi – a distant relation to aardvarks, elephants and manatees – the size of a mouse, with powerful legs that allow it to run at speeds of nearly 30 kilometres (20 miles) an hour.

The Somali sengi has been lost to science since the 1970s, leaving just the 39 preserved specimens held in the world's natural history museums as the only physical evidence that it ever existed.

The Global Wildlife Conservation group even included it on its "25 most wanted lost species" list.

But during an expedition last year scientists found the animals still roaming the wild, discovering that the Somali sengi is not confined to Somalia at all. The research mission was looking for different kinds of sengis in Djibouti, the small Horn of Africa coastal nation that borders Somalia, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The team set up more than 1,250 traps filled with peanut butter, oatmeal and yeast extract in 12 areas in Djibouti, buoyed by speaking to local communities, where people



could readily recognise the animals from photographs.

"Our interviews with local nomadic and pastoralist people indicated that they see sengis regularly and we were consistently told the same common name (Wali sandheer)," said Houssein Rayaleh, of Association Djibouti Nature, who was on the team.

The conservationist said he too had seen sengis during his 21 years doing fieldwork in the country. But no one knew whether they were the long-lost Somali sengi. "Without formal documentation, the species of the sengis in Djibouti was unknown," Rayaleh told AFP.

The team also included global elephant shrew expert Galen Rathbun, who had been study-

ing the creatures for decades but had never seen a live Somali sengi, according to researcher Steven Heritage, of the Duke University Lemur Center.

"So when he opened the first trap and looked over at me, and he had seen the cute tufted furry tail of the animal and he looked at me and said 'I can't believe it, I've never seen one before'," Heritage told AFP. Rathbun died of cancer shortly after the expedition.

The researchers collected twelve specimens of the mammal. Their findings prove that the Somali sengi "is currently extant" and lives far beyond the boundaries of Somalia, the researchers said in a study published in the journal PeerJ.

The team, which plans a new expedition to learn more about the species, believes the sengi could be living across Somalia, Djibouti and Ethiopia.

And while they cannot estimate the size of the population, they believe the sengi is thriving. "All the local people knew about this, so it could not be rare in any way," said Heritage, the lead author of the study

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Houssein Rayaleh, Researcher

Mild Covid-19 cases can produce strong T cell response: Study

STILL VULNERABLE

LONDON: Mild cases of Covid-19 can trigger the immune system's memory T cells even in the absence of detectable virus-specific antibodies, according to a study which says the response may play a significant role in preventing reinfection with Covid-19.

According to the research, published in the journal Cell, there is limited evidence of reinfection in humans with previously documented Covid-19. "In the absence of a protective vaccine, it is critical to determine if exposed or infected people, especially those with asymptomatic or very mild forms of the disease who likely act inadvertently as the major transmitters, develop robust adaptive immune responses against SARS-CoV-2," said study senior author Marcus Buggert of the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden.

The study noted that most published research on immune protection against the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 focus on the induction of neutralising antibodies which block the virus and prevent it from entering cells.

However, the scientists, including those from Karolinska Institutet, said antibody responses tend to wane, and are not detectable in all patients, especially those with less severe forms of Covid-19.

Based on research in mice, they said vaccine-induced memory T cell responses, which can persist for many years, protect against the related 2002-03 SARS pandemic virus even in the absence of detectable antibodies.

According to the current study, it was not clear until now how SARS-CoV-2-specific T cell responses relate to antibody responses or to the clinical course of Covid-19 in humans.

To address this gap in knowledge, Buggert and his team assessed SARS-CoV-2-specific T cell and antibody responses in more than 200 individuals from Sweden across the full spectrum of exposure, infection, and disease.

Zoo awaits birth of pandemic panda cub

HAPPY DAYS

BEIJING: Zookeepers at Washington's National Zoo are on furry black-and-white baby watch after concluding that venerable giant panda matriarch Mei Xiang is pregnant and could give birth this week. It's a welcome bit of good news amid a pandemic that kept the zoo shuttered for months. "We need this! We totally need this joy," said zoo spokeswoman Pamela Baker-Masson.

Although so-called "phantom pregnancies" are common with pandas and other large bears, Baker-Masson said an ultrasound scan revealed a "really strong-looking, fantastic fetus" that could be delivered this week.

"The image was great. She is absolutely pregnant. But things could still happen, just like in a human pregnancy," Baker-Masson said. The zoo posted a video from the ultrasound on Instagram.



ME TIME

A brown bear cools off in a pool at the bear sanctuary near the village of Mramor, Kosovo, after it was shut as part of safety measures to curb the spread of Covid-19 in the region | AFP

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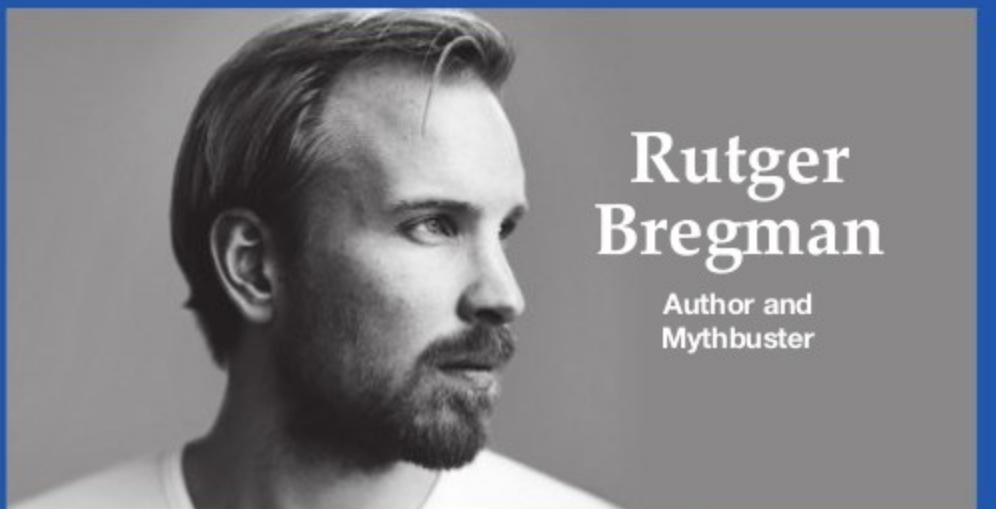
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The Arctic sea ice is melting faster than climate models had predicted, researchers at the University of Copenhagen warned on Tuesday. Until now, climate models have predicted a slow and steady increase of Arctic temperatures, but a new study shows the warming is occurring at a more rapid pace. Their findings, published in the journal Nature, showed the unusually high temperatures currently being seen in the Arctic Ocean have only been observed during the previous ice age. Ice core analyses have revealed that temperatures over the Greenland ice sheet increased several times during that time, between 10 to 12 degrees, over a period of 40 to 100 years.

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IN THE US ARMY
After his graduation in 1941, Forbes joined the US Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart and a bronze star for demonstrating initiative, alert action and resourcefulness



FINANCE FIRST
He was named editor and publisher of *Forbes* magazine in 1954. He started the Forbes Investors Advisory Institute. Soon the magazine became a reliable source of financial information



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Forbes was known for his extravagant lifestyle. He owned and collected several yachts, aircraft, hot-air balloons, and motorcycles

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Ritwik Bhowmik with Naseeruddin Shah (left) and Shreya Chaudhary (below) in *Bandish Bandits*



Bandish Bandits
heartthrob Ritwik Bhowmik on playing an Indian classical singer, sharing screen space with Naseeruddin Shah, his school days in namma Ooru and more

DREAM ACT



● **Monika Monalisa**

The last few weeks have been nothing short of a dream for Ritwik Bhowmik. After the release of *Bandish Bandits*, his debut series, in the first week of August on Amazon Prime Video, Bhowmik has earned the title of the new teenage heartthrob. Ask the actor about that and he shyly says, "That's so sweet of people to say."

However, before the stardom he is now receiving for playing the character Radhe, an Indian classical singer, his friends knew him as dance fanatic who could set any stage on fire. Bhowmik did his schooling at

Baldwin's Boys High School and Clarence High School before he went to Mumbai to try his hand at acting. "I spent my formative years in Bengaluru, so whatever I am today is because of the time spent in the city or the learning I got there," says Bhowmik, who got exposed to the world of theatre, dance and music in Bengaluru. Interestingly, he was also a part of a band in Clarence High School during 11th and 12th grade.

Ask him if that was an initial training for him for *Bandish Bandits* and he says Indian musicals are not like Western ones where the actors have to sing. "But it was also not easy since I had to get the nuances of an Indian classical singer

for which I had to go through three months of vocal training," he adds. Initially, the 27-year-old was taken aback at the role because he felt the character was poles apart from him. "That's when director Anand Tiwari suggested I question how Radhe would react in the particular situation. That exercise helped me find similarities between us," says Bhowmik.

Sharing screen space with veterans like Naseeruddin Shah and Atul Kulkarni is a dream launch for any actor and Bhowmik could not agree more. "Naseer sir plays a legendary Indian classical singer and my grandfather. Initially I was nervous about doing any scene with him. The director

noticed it and brought this to Naseer sir's attention. So, he invited all of us to his home and we had a reading session together. And this was just to make us comfortable," says Bhowmik, who found a similar humility in Atul Kulkarni too.

Shreya Chaudhary plays the female lead in the series, with the chemistry between the two being widely talked about. "Shreya and I are the only two freshers in the whole cast of *Bandish Bandits*. Even the supporting cast comprises all experienced actors. So we made a deal to have each other's back throughout," says Bhowmik, adding that this evolved into "an amazing friendship." He adds, "I hope people shower the same amount of love for my future endeavours too."

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— Ritwik Bhowmik, actor

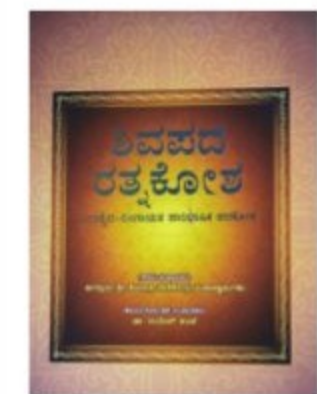
KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengaluru.cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

- 1 Sir James Austin Bourdillon was the British resident of Mysuru from 1903 to 1905. A locality in Bengaluru has produced many national football players and known as the birthplace of football in the city is named after this British officer. Name the locality.
- 2 Mantri Mall in Malleswaram today stands in place of one of the oldest textile mills in Bengaluru, established in late 19th century. Name the mill.
- 3 Chamarajpet was the city's first extension created in 1892 on the modern lines towards the south of Bengaluru to decongest the overgrowing population in the old city area (Pete). The newly formed extension is named after the illustrious king who ruled Mysuru state from 1868 to 1894. Name the king.

CITY READ



Veerashaiva-Lingayat dictionary released

JSS Publications has brought out 'Shivapada Ratnakosha', a Veerashaiva-Lingayat dictionary. JSS seer Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji is the honorary editor while Dr Nandish Hanche is the executive editor. The dictionary has messages from Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnanayogashrama, Vijayapura, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and his Cabinet colleagues Govind M Karjol and C T Ravi.



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Keep emergency numbers handy, including your doctor's. You can also save digital copies of your prescriptions

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● **Simran Ahuja**

If all had gone as per plan, Bangalore Little Theatre (BLT) would have been out with new volumes of their anthology of plays in September this year. The first three volumes, which were released in December last year, were to be followed by six more, to mark the theatre group's diamond jubilee year. "As part of the celebrations, BLT decided to publish all the plays promoted over many years. The tentative idea is to release 2-3 volumes at a time. The next set should have come out by now. The pandemic has affected the printing-publishing badly — as with all businesses. We can now expect to see the next few volumes early 2021," says Vijay Padaki, one of the founder-trustees of the theatre group. Though withdrawn from all management responsibilities, Padaki is continuing as an invitee in an Emeritus capacity. He is also the series editor of the publications, which has been published by Vitasta Pub-

lishing. "The volumes were overdue. The whole world recognised BLT's output from its play development efforts. We had not bothered to publish the plays. The Diamond Jubilee got us to act," he adds.

The upcoming volumes will include plays by Sridhar Ram-anathan, Dina Mehta, Alan Lightman and John Kotter, to name a few. The past three volumes featured plays by Padaki, Kavya Srinivasan and Ravi Chari. "The first three volumes had themes like the classics, children's theatre, and the history of ideas. The upcoming volumes will also be grouped thematically," says Deepak

Celebrating sixty in style



Mote, who is a part of the group's managing committee. With editing for volumes 4-9 already done, Padaki explains what went on behind the scenes. "The play scripts were already there, most of them performed, carefully put together in fair copy. The publication project only meant uniform formatting and careful final editing. We have had good team work between people in BLT and the publishers," says the octogenarian. The plan, according to Abhishek Sundaravadanan, honorary president of the group's managing committee, was to cover all the original plays and adaptations the

group had produced in its 60 years. "We have a rich bank of texts and now these are available to everyone else as well. It feels great to be able to contribute towards that," he says.

Currently, the group has taken to producing a webinar series, curated by Shatarupa Bhattacharyya and Archana Kariappa, as part of their 60th anniversary celebrations. The first session of the series, which aims to be public engagements curated around arts, was kicked off with Arundhati Raja, the founder trustee of Jagriti Theatre. Besides this, they have also launched digital performances of their Courtyard Theatre series (featuring a pair of actors) and video recordings of their older plays. In September, the group will also launch the Monologue Circle, which will provide a platform for anyone looking to try their hand at performing a monologue.



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● **Vidya Iyengar**

As a student and young professional, Saveen Hegde always assumed that oration is an inherent skill. That was until he was one of two persons to represent India at the 86th Annual International Convention which was held at Vancouver, Canada in August 2017. Now on August 27, Hegde will address a gathering from around the world at the International Convention of Toastmasters' first-ever Virtual Convention, where he will talk about design thinking in the 30-minute slot. The 34-year old is the only person to represent South Asia and South East

Toast to a new experience

Asia region (Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Bhutan, Vietnam and Malaysia). While it was supposed to be held in Paris, the pandemic has led to the summit going virtual.

In his upcoming talk, Hegde, who has a certification from Harvard Business School, will delve into design thinking as a way of life. "It's important to incorporate creativity and flexibility in the work space. Design thinking combines creative and critical thinking that allows information and ideas to be organised, decisions to be im-



proved. It's about looking at a business from an artist's point of view," says Hegde, who decided to start his own firm, unboxexperience.com, after leav-

ing an automobile design company in 2011. Around the same time, Hegde felt the need to hone his public speaking skills. "I then came across Toastmasters' clubs and felt that a platform where feedback is provided would help," he says. Hegde is also an improvisational theatre artist who performed over 300 live performances in four countries for over 2,00,000 people. He is the founder of the Indian Improv Tribe and learned improv theatre at the UCB Theatre in New York, and has played a cameo in two South Indian movies — *Humble Politician* (Nagraj) and the upcoming *Ten*.

While he previously feared acceptance, especially on a global forum, regular partici-

pation in Toastmasters' programmes have rid those. "This summit is different from the World Championship, which I previously participated in. This is not a competition but instead it has 14 select educational speakers from across the world. Some years ago, a non-native English speaker won the World Championship, which broke the glass ceiling about how anyone can do it," he says.

The takeaways from the session, Hegde points out, will be learning why design thinking is effective for leaders in today's changing world; using it to develop an open, flexible mindset; and applying it to better organise ideas and improve situations.

● Kannalmozhi Kabilan

Sixty eight-year-old Arumugam* joined the transplant waitlist for a liver in March this year. Six months down the line, with the pandemic having rewritten the norms of organ donation and transplant, he is still waiting. His daughter says they have been lucky to have not had any need for emergency care, making the wait relatively easier. While hundreds of patients in the state await different organs, quite a few who needed immediate intervention didn't survive the wait. With cadaver transplants coming to a halt in a majority of the hospitals, this is true for most of the country.

Lockdown scare

Mukesh, transplant coordinator at Velammal Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, Madurai, says his hospital has lost three patients since the start of the nationwide lockdown. "We usually identify at least two patients a month for cadaver organ donation. In March, we did three. But since April (with the exception of one patient in June), we haven't done any. Liver patients are in a dire state. Kidney patients are dependent on dialysis (but it increases their expenses). We have nearly 100 patients awaiting a kidney and 10-15 in need of a liver transplant," he reports.

Providing some numbers at the state level, Dr Joy Varghese, director, Hepatology and Transplant Hepatology, Gleneagles Global Health City, says, "In Tamil Nadu, TRANSTAN (Transplant Authority of Tamilnadu) controls all cadaver organ donation programmes. Normally, a minimum of 10-15 cadaver organ donations happen every month. However, since March, entire Tamil Nadu has generated only four cadaver organ donations."

This significant drop in numbers affects not only those awaiting transplant surgery but several aspects of the medical ecosystem. "At least five-six people directly benefit from one cadaver organ donation; this covers the patients who get the organs directly. Indirectly, it could benefit more patients for we preserve the blood vessels of the cadaver after removing the major organs. This can be stored for six months, and is useful in surgeries, when there are complications like thrombosis," he explains.

AN ORGANIC DECLINE

As organ donation and transplant takes an unprecedented hit in the face of the pandemic, doctors, caregivers and patients talk about how bad the wait has been

Paused by pandemic

All this has not been without reason. With the nature of the virus and the way it spreads being so unpredictable, forcing the medical community to rethink protocols and guidelines on a daily basis, transplant doesn't come easy. The priority had been to keep the patients safe, especially since a transplant surgery would call for use of immunosuppressants, making the patient more vulnerable to infections. Even living organ donations had been put on hold.

Dr Sunil Shroff, transplant surgeon and managing trustee of the non-profit organisation, Mohan Foundation, says priorities have changed for the medical community. "Hospitals are busy with Covid. Patients and doctors are fearful of it. That's why the rate of organ donation has come down everywhere," he points out. But the fraternity has not been idle. Dr Sunil, president-elect of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation, says they worked together with the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) to draw up guidelines for organ donation-transplant — which donor to accept and the precautions to follow during the procedure et al.

Hurdles and risks

By the start of June, several states had cautiously reopened cadaver organ donation. While the numbers are nowhere near normal, there are still plenty of things that can go wrong, it looks like. The first hurdle is the Covid test. Explains Mukesh, "Normally, organ recovery and transplant takes 15-20 hours. Since the pandemic, the first step has been to get the Covid test results of the donor and his/her family. This procedure takes seven-eight hours. Only then can we confirm the availability of the particular donor. We also have to test the recipient and his/her family; the



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back recipient and family too have to be covered. This is for the local organs (organs that go to patients in the same hospital). For example, when we get a potential donor in the hospital, we take the liver and one kidney. The heart, lungs, sometimes the pancreas, and the second kidney, would go to the sharing hospital; it's usually hospitals in Chennai. Since the pandemic, we have not allowed other hospitals to travel here for these organs. People coming from other districts could be a risk for our patients. All this is a big challenge."

The lockdown, initiated as a response to the pandemic, seems to have worked against organ donations but not in the way you would expect. For cadaver organ donations, the patient has to be declared brain dead. In such a condition, the other organs can survive for several hours if the blood circulation is maintained by means of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) or ventilators (if the patient is at a hospital). Most hospitals' source of brain dead donors had been road accidents. With people at home during the lockdown, there haven't been that many trauma cases, he reasons.



Terms & conditions

Limping back to the transplant game, hospitals lead with caution. That involves a lot of testing, isolation and quarantine, points out Dr Varghese. "At Gleneagles, there is a separate operation theatre for transplant surgeries. The ICU (intensive care unit) adjacent to this theatre is also reserved for these patients. The team is also exclusive to this duty. After the surgery, the team would be in home isolation until the next surgery, the following week. During this period, they have specific protocols and precautions to follow. In case any of them tests positive, they are removed from work and cannot return till they get a clearance from the Infection Disease Consultant. All doctors, donors and recipients and their attendants

are tested for Covid," he explains. These protocols have been put in place for emergent living donor transplants. Since the pandemic, the hospital has decided to perform the surgery only if the patient cannot survive without it. They have done 14 of them between March and July.

These terms and conditions differ from hospital to hospital. For those still waiting for such reprieve, that it hasn't been easy is an understatement. TANKER Foundation, an organisation in the service of the underprivileged with kidney ailments, has had many people benefitting from transplants. "About 50 of our

patients over the past few years have had a kidney transplant. Over the Covid period, all transplants had been stopped," recounts managing trustee Latha Kumaraswami.

Counselling patients during such a difficult period is not easy, chips in Dr Shroff. "Those waiting for the heart and lungs are the more desperate category; that's one area where you can't do much. You provide them with hope, and pray," he shares.

Community efforts

Meanwhile, there has been no dearth of awareness efforts. MOHAN Foundation has kept up its programmes — from online concerts to webinars — up to the Organ Donation Week (that concluded on Aug. 13 — the day popularly misconstrued as Organ Donation Day, which actually falls on Nov. 27). In Kolkata, the organisation Live Kingsize Die Kingsize has been furthering the cause. While it may only be two months

old, its co-founder Shruti Mohta has been at it since 2016, reaching out to people with the organ donation pledge, and organising panel discussions. She has also acted as the bridge between doctors and families making the decision to donate the organs of a loved one. With the organ donor card not having any legal binding, it comes to the family being aware of the concept, the individual's decision and accepting their role in making it happen, she points out.

Even as the medical community scrambles to keep up, Dr Shroff says this situation here is unprecedented. "The good thing about the Nipah outbreak was it was immediately controlled in Kerala. Even when we had SARS, it was contained fast and quite restricted to a few countries." Even the guidelines they drew up have been revised twice already; it's bound to be dynamic in the coming times. Despite all this, there is reason to give patients hope, he says. "Doctors are rearing to go as soon as the virus recedes a bit. With the curve not being uniform in our country, perhaps the patient can move to a state that is doing the transplant they require," he suggests.

(*Name changed on request)



The economics of going broke



One of the routines that the lockdown has brought about is a daily check on the number of cases in the country. I begin by checking the world numbers first, followed by India's cases, followed by local news.

Now, I'm no Nobel laureate in Economics, but I have noticed a distinct pattern. The rise in the number of cases is inversely proportional to my bank balance. As the country grapples with a problem like never before, my bank balance has been witnessing a steady decline. My career as a standup comedian seems like a flashback from a past life. With no films releasing, there are no films to review either.

As a writer, it's not very difficult to find jobs. The problem is to get people willing to pay for the writing. I have had offers where the agreed pay was '10 paise per word'. An exercise where you finish writing an article and realise the pay is less than the pen you wrote it with. Irrespective of the state of world markets, writers live in a permanent state of recession.

The good thing about going broke though, is that if you've been broke earlier, you slowly get better at it. You begin to make small adjustments. When the lockdown was first announced, Yours Truly spent the first few weeks sipping white wine. These days, I choose cheap vodka as my poison. King-size cigarettes give way to smaller packs with larger warnings. E-commerce sites are unceremoniously removed from the list of bookmarked websites. These minor changes result from having been broke

earlier, a rich experience that one assumes Anil Ambani is not privy to! But it's not all bad. Going broke can make you a spiritual person. It makes you question the point of your existence, question pre-existent notions of happiness, and ponder over the meaning of life. Over the last few weeks, I have thought about what life skills I possess. If a Hollywood-summer-blockbuster level calamity befell me, how long could I really survive?

Out of curiosity, I searched the web for jobs that require no education or prior work experience. The two most common results were of politicians and religious leaders. The first option is an extremely long journey with a marginal chance of success. There's also the risk of being invited to Arnab's show and suffering permanent hearing damage! But it was the latter career that piqued my interest.

If I put in a few months of interest and focused on grooming myself, the possibility of becoming a Baba does not seem too distant. A religious leader primarily needs to speak to audiences over a long period. And the one skill an unsuccessful comedian possesses is the ability to speak to unresponsive audiences for long periods. I also happen to speak five languages, and my long hair would make the transition smoother than usual.

Irrespective of their religion, spiritual leaders never suffer from a recession. They never go broke, and get to enjoy tax-free income along with the patronage of politicians and businessmen.

If the lockdown persists for a few more months, I might have to bid adieu to my flatmates and my barber, and plunge headlong into the exciting life as a spiritual leader. So if you find this column missing, dear reader, please do not worry. Kindly turn the pages to the astrology section, and you'll find me there!



New addition

Sandalwood director Santhosh Anandram and his wife were blessed with a baby boy on Monday. The director took to Twitter to share this news with his fans, saying, "Blessed with A Baby Boy (17-08-2020) Thanks to My extended Family for ur Constant wishes & Blessings To My Life".

Among those who congratulated them were Karthik Gowda and Pavan Wadeyar. Anandram has directed blockbusters like *Mr. and Mrs. Ramachari*, *Raajakumara*, etc., and is now looking forward to his next release *Yuvarathnaa*, starring Puneeth Rajkumar.



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Covid-19 Care Centre, KSOU, Mandakalli

The temple of learning has been converted into a 'temple of healing' under the stewardship of Abhiram G Shankar, DC Mysore. The responsibility for the whole set-up for Covid-19 Care Centre, KSOU, Mandakalli, was shouldered by Lt Col Dr Ashok S U, KAS nodal officer, CCC, to complete the initiative in record time. Eventually, within a span of nine days, the centre was ready for habitation. The centre has catered services to more than 730 Covid-19 positive people, and presently houses 414 patients. More than 200 persons have been discharged till now.

The centre has 607 beds spread across 51 rooms on four floors. It has a bed capacity of 607. Cumulative admissions made till now is 1,150, with nil casualties. It has free 100Mbps Wifi with routers on each floor; TV with Tata Sky connections, healthy food provided as per directions of H&FW Karnataka, 24/7 power; Security; personal care and hot water; in-house laundry; and hot and cold water dispensers. It has services for psychological counselling and grievance registers on each floor, and tele-monitoring by quality control and psychologists. It has regular CCTV monitoring and quality checks, and SOP CCC model used for smooth functioning of the centre. Additional facilities include provision for indoor games like carrom, badminton and chess. Regular yoga practice sessions are held, and an emphasis on psychological management has created a healthy and peaceful atmosphere among inmates. The facility, located at the outskirts of Mysuru, is being credited with the recognition of being the biggest Covid care centre in Mysuru district. It is delivering services with a smile at this time of the coronavirus crisis.

Lt Colonel Dr Ashok S U comes from a farming family from Somashettyhalli in Arasikere taluk of Hassan district. He was the first person from his village to serve in the Indian Army and as doctor, as well as to join Karnataka Administrative Services. He did his primary schooling from Govt primary school, Somashettyhalli, and higher schooling from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mavinkere, and Madhya Pradesh. During pre-college, he was a student of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya,



Lt Col Dr Ashok S U

Uduvalli, Chitradurga, after which he graduated from Victoria Hospital, Fort Bangalore. He served in the Army for 12 and a half years. He was inspired to join the Army by his seniors at the BMC hostel. He was one among the four people out of the 84 people interviewed for the Army selection. He has served in difficult terrains like the Counter Insurgency Operations and Operation Rakshak in Jammu and Kashmir, and has also been part of Offensive Division Corp 1 & Corp 2 during his tenure with the Indian Army. Dr Ashok has also played an effective role in management of Kedarnath natural calamity. His extensive experience with the Army helped him with Operation Preparedness to tackle any situation.

During his service with the Indian

Army, he was awarded Special service medal with Clasp (Suraksha) in Nov 2009, Sainya Seva Medal with Clasp - Under Op Rakshak and Counter Insurgency Ops in 2009, and Chief of Army Staff Commendation Medal for his Distinguished Service by then COAS Gen. Dalbir Singh Suhag in 2016. He also got Dte Gen Assam Rifles Commendation Medal from Lt Gen Shukin Chauhan in 2017, for his work and stewardship in commanding the healthcare and hospital at Happy Valley, Shillong, for distinguished service in the Northeastern sector. Apart from this, Lt Col Ashok has received numerous appreciation letters for his commendable services, by his reporting senior officers and his clientele.

Lt Col Dr Ashok was selected for KAS in 2017. He was posted to DC of office Mysore in mid-2020 soon after joining KAS. In the midst of rising Covid cases in Mysuru, he was appointed as nodal officer for revamping of KSOU Academic Bhavan into a model Covid Care Centre.

Under the vision of Abhiram G Sankar, IAS, DC Mysore, he has converted it into a thriving care centre with the help of Manjunath, project director, Nirmithi Kendra, Mysore. It was made possible by his passion for serving the common man from the ethos imbibed from the Indian Army and the support from his better half, Dr Mrs Sheela N, alumnus of GDCRI, Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Dr. Ashok, KAS nodal officer, at ashokindir2018@gmail.com



I DID NOT DIRECT REMAKE OF *JOGI* BECAUSE I COULDN'T REPLACE SHIVANNA WITH ANY OTHER ACTOR: PREM

The film clocks 15 years on August 19, and the director says the movie, which delves into the mother-son bonding, holds a special place in his heart

● A Sharadhaa

August 19 marks yet another special day for Shiv-arajkumar, as his film, *Jogi*, directed by Prem, was released this day 15 years ago. And fans of the Century Star have already brought in the celebrations, as they managed to bring together 40 celebrities from different backgrounds – actors, director, music composers, rappers, producers, and sports persons, to release a common DP of Shivanna from *Jogi*, on Tuesday. The celebration looks set to spill over on Wednesday.

Released in 2005, this film worked well due to the emotional bonds between a mother-son duo brought alive by Shivanna and Arundathi Nag. The movie turned out to be one of the biggest blockbusters in the Kannada film industry. While its songs ruled the audio market, one particular song, *Beduvanu varavannu kode thayi Janmavannu kade tanaka mareyala jogi*, for music composed by Gurukiran has been an evergreen hit. “*Jogi* was one of the films that marked a century in over 61 theatres, and it’s a film that broke many records of that time,” recalls director Prem,

who even today is fondly called *Jogi* Prem by his colleagues and fans. “*Jogi* is a film, which will always hold a special place in my heart, and this year, it brings a sentimental value because I lost my mother last month,” says Prem, adding, “*Jogi* was not just a film to me, it was an experience which comes with a lot of life lessons. I got the inspiration to make it from my mother, Bhagyamma, and I tried to bring her characteristics and her lifestyle on screen through the senior actor, Arundathi Nag, who completely justified the role.”

Apart from the mass elements, as a film, *Jogi* showed the bonding between a mother and her son, says Prem, who cites an example of how it made an impact on relations between parents and their children. “I was emotional when I heard from a college principal that my film had a great impact on his son’s life, who returned home after six years. Likewise, I was told that the film changed the mindset of a lot of people, who brought their parents back home,” says Prem, and adds, “The kind of collections the film made with audio and theatrical rights equals about ₹300 crore today. But that apart, the impact on people from *Jogi* was fulfilling.”



Prem

Prem says he doesn’t consider any of his films a turning point in his career because every film is close to reality, and comes from his life experience, which is moulded for cinematic purposes. And he can’t make another *Jogi* in his career. “That’s what I want to tell my fans as well as Shivanna’s. I can’t repeat the experience of what I have gone through in *Jogi*. I can be influenced by my previous film, but I cannot exactly take the same route,” says Prem, who also mentions that the film was remade in Telugu as *Yogi* with Prabhas and Nayantara as well as in Tamil as *Parattai Engira Azhagu Sundaram* starring Dhanush and Meera Jasmine.

However, he didn’t direct them in the other languages. “Back then, I was approached by stars like Rajinikanth, Amitabh Bachchan, Salman Khan, and Prabhas, among other stars, to remake this film in different languages. But I couldn’t adapt this film to any other language nor could I see any other actor fitting into the role that Shivanna played in *Jogi*. During the making of this film, Shivanna did not come across just as an artiste, or just as Dr Rajkumar’s son. He was more like a household name, a brother, a relative, or the person next door. He put his heart and soul in the film. He haunted me with his character, so much so that I couldn’t think of replacing Shivanna with any other actor. So I decided not to direct the remake, and it was helmed by other directors,” he says.

Prem, who had taken a break for a month, is back at work for his next film, *Ek Love Ya*. “I have two songs pending, for which I am currently working with music director Arjun Janya. I will start filming the tracks from next month. The film, made by Rakshita Film Factory stars Raanna, along with Rachita Ram and Reeshma Nanaiah in the cast. Meanwhile, I am developing a story, but I would want to reveal the details when I complete the script,” he signs off.



Prabhas to star in Om Raut’s epic bilingual *Adipurush*

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Prabhas will be collaborating with director Om Raut for an epic 3D feature titled *Adipurush*. The film will be produced by Bhushan Kumar’s T-Series along with Raut’s production house Retrophil. According to the makers, *Adipurush* will be a screen adaptation of ‘the Indian epic that revolves around the triumph of good over evil’. The poster suggests Prabhas will be essaying Lord Ram in the film.

A bilingual, *Adipurush* will be shot in Hindi and Telugu. The 3D release will also be dubbed in Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and other languages. Talks are underway with ‘Bollywood’s biggest bet’ to play the role of the antagonist in the film.

“Every role and every character comes with its own challenges, but portraying a character like this comes with tremendous responsibility and pride,” Prabhas shares. “I am very excited to portray this character of our epic, specially the way Om has designed it. I am sure the youth of our country will shower all their love on our film.”

Om Raut, who directed the blockbuster *Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior* earlier this year, says, “I am grateful to Prabhas for accepting the part and my vision, and Bhushanji for his unconditional support to realise my dream project. We embark on this journey with tremendous passion and pride, and promise our audience an experience like never before.”



Pramod

Pramod, Sangeetha Sringeri to headline the slapstick comedy, *100 Monkeys*

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Even as Pramod is set to begin the shoot for *English Manja* in the first week of September, he has signed his next film. The actor of *Geetha Bangle Stores* and Premier Padmini fame, will headline a slapstick comedy titled *100 Monkeys*, a project to be helmed by Chitrakatha director Yashaswi Baladitya. This is his second film. The story revolves around a cab driver played by Pramod. The film is bankrolled by Nityananda Bhat and brings on board Sangeetha Sringeri as the female lead. This actor is currently part of Kiran Raj’s directorial, *777 Charlie* and, *Mari-gold* and is getting paired opposite Pramod for the first time. Apart from the lead actors, *100 Monkeys* brings on board a host of interesting stars, including Shamiksha, Abhishek, and *French Biryani* actor, Mahantesh along with Achyuth Kumar seen in a pivotal role. The team will soon come up with the film’s first look poster, when the technical details will be revealed. The film’s shooting will start from Sept. 28.



Sangeetha Sringeri



Kevin Hart, Will Smith in *Planes, Trains & Automobiles* remake

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Kevin Hart and Will Smith are set to star in and produce the remake of John Hughes’ *Planes, Trains & Automobiles* (1987). The original film starred Steve Martin and the late John Candy.

Aeysha Carr has penned the script of the upcoming film, which is said to be a modern interpretation of the original. The comedy-drama revolves around a duo, who are forced to get along amid a series of misadventures during their journey to home for Thanksgiving. Carr is popular for her works in Brooklyn 99 and Hulu’s *Woke*.

... says Vidyut Jammwal as he and team *Khuda Haafiz* speak about skirting stereotypes and the future of Bollywood action

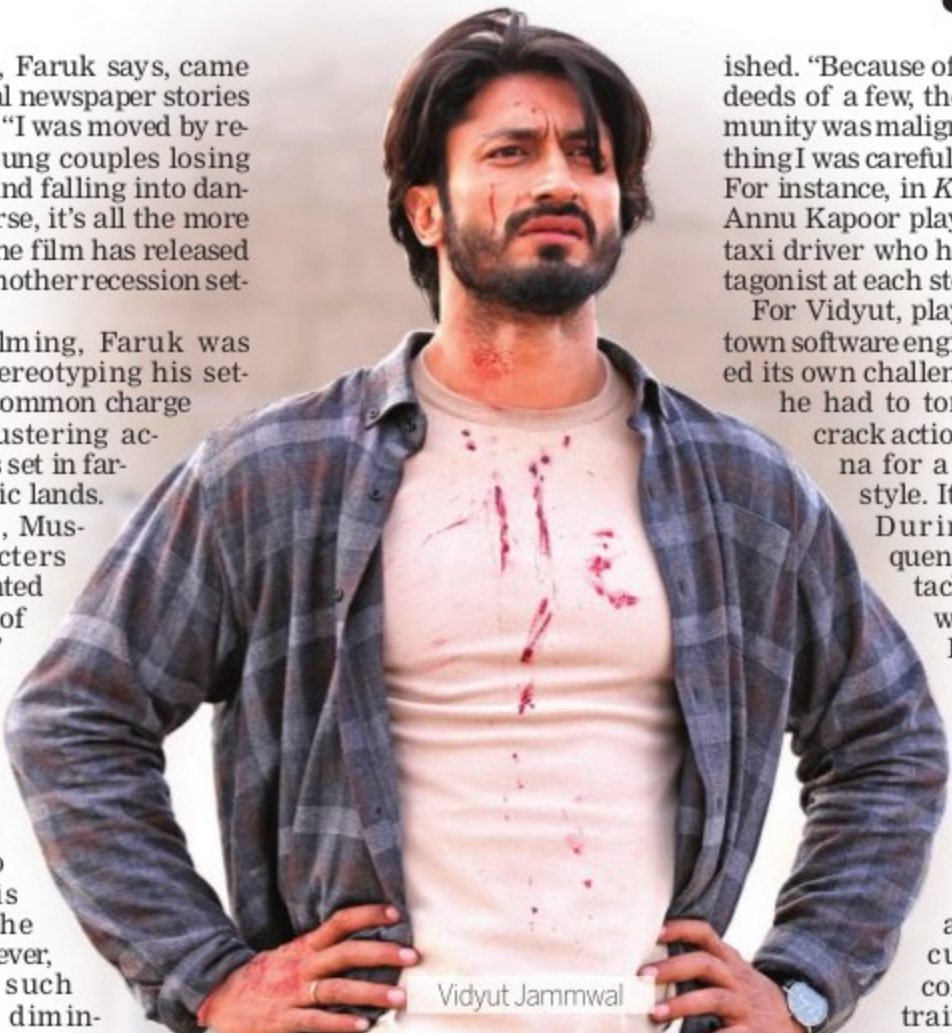
● Shilajit Mitra

The ghost of the 2008 financial crisis persists. In last year’s *Hustlers*, for instance, two strippers hatch a scheme to rob their rich clientele, their lives put on pause by the crash. While Hollywood titles abound, it was interesting to see a recent Hindi film use the subject as its jumping-off point. Faruk Kabir’s *Khuda Haafiz* premiered on Disney+ Hotstar on August 14. The romantic thriller follows a Lucknow couple – played by Vidyut Jammwal and Shivaaleeka Oberoi – who fall on hard times and decide to emigrate to the Gulf. There, the wife is abducted and sold into the flesh trade, setting Vidyut on a one-man rampage in her search.

‘We need to lift our action budgets’

The idea, Faruk says, came from several newspaper stories at the time. “I was moved by reports of young couples losing their jobs and falling into danger. Of course, it’s all the more eerie that the film has released now, with another recession setting in.”

While filming, Faruk was wary of stereotyping his setting. It’s a common charge against blustering action movies set in far-away Islamic lands. “In the 80s, Muslim characters were presented with a lot of sensitivity,” Faruk notes. “They were always the noble friend who lavishes his life on the hero.” However, post 9-11, such portrayals dim-



Vidyut Jammwal

ished. “Because of the horrible deeds of a few, the whole community was maligned. It’s something I was careful not to repeat. For instance, in *Khuda Haafiz*, Annu Kapoor plays an Afghan taxi driver who helps our protagonist at each step.”

For Vidyut, playing a small-town software engineer presented its own challenges. For one, he had to tone down his crack action-hero persona for a more shaky style. It wasn’t easy. During one sequence, a goon attacks him with a wooden stick. Instinctively, Vidyut caught hold of the stick. “When you’ve been doing martial arts from a young age, it’s difficult to look completely untrained. Several

times, I’d have my director shouting, ‘Yar Vidyut, just get beaten up!’”

Since *Force* (2011), Vidyut has been dedicatedly knocking out action movies in the Hindi mainstream. The actor feels Bollywood filmmakers are finally waking up to the genre’s potential. Still, the budgets pouring in are not up to snuff. “I sometimes feel like a 100-metre sprinter without the shoes,” Vidyut rues. “I’ve made a name for our country with these small-budgeted films. Imagine giving us the budget of a Hollywood production.”

Vidyut was recently listed as the only Indian on *‘10 People You Don’t Want To Mess With’*. The list, published by YouTube channel TheRichest, also featured Russian President Vladimir Putin and adventurer Bear Grylls. He has also started his own interview series *X-Ray*, featuring action royalties like Tony Jaa, Scott Adkins and Michael Jai White.

“I’m a great fan of Bruce Lee and his philosophy,” Vidyut shares. “So my conversations with these people are not about what they eat or how they train. They’re more philosophical. The goal of a true martial

artist is not to achieve success but to attain wisdom through the martial arts.”

Shivaaleeka Oberoi plays the female lead in *Khuda Haafiz*. Her character, Nargis, has drawn comparisons to the eponymous yesteryear star. “I’ve been tagged in so many collages of me and Nargis Dutt ma’am. It’s a huge honour to play a character with her name.”

This is Shivaaleeka’s second Bollywood release. Her debut film, *Yeh Saali Aashiqui* (2019), was a romantic thriller co-starring Vardhan Puri. She had previously worked as an assistant director on *Kick* and *Housefull 3*.

“My experience behind the camera has helped me map out my roles,” Shivaaleeka says. “Luckily, even after the lockdown, I’ve been in talks for films and OTT projects. Of course, things are a bit stuck right now. I’m using this time to catch up with family. I also finished *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* for the second time.”

Vidyut, meanwhile, is gunning to get back to work. “I have a line-up of exciting movies to start. The only question is when?”